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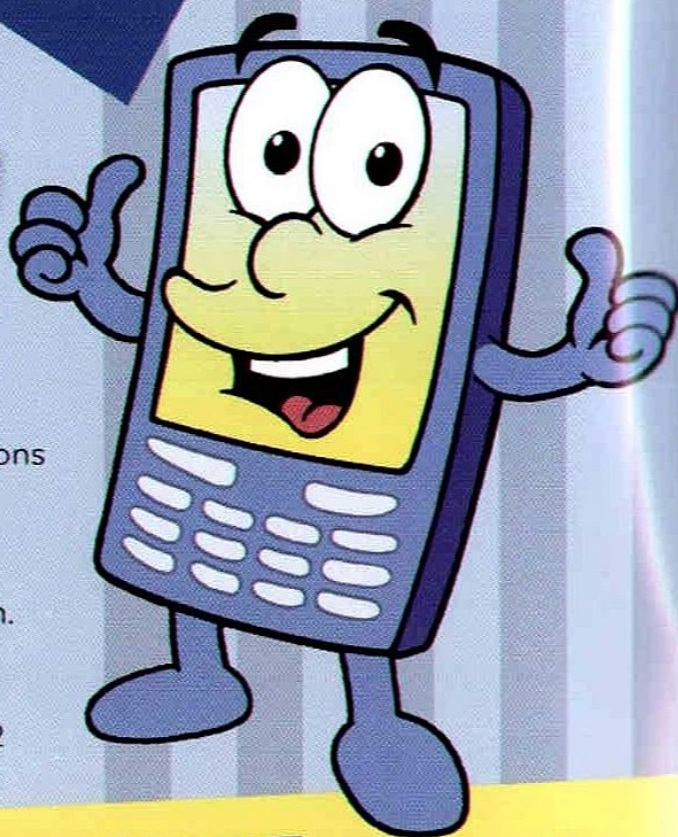
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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Oldham Athletic.

It was pointed out to me this week that today's meeting comes almost 90 years to the day since Oldham Athletic and Swindon Town first played each other. That FA Cup Second Round tie, played on 2nd February 1924, was settled in Town's favour thanks to goals from Bertie Denyer and Charlie Crossley in front of nearly 23,000 at The County Ground. Let's hope that we see the same end result this afternoon after a home win and an away-day draw over the past seven days. Victory came late on last weekend against Shrewsbury and Tuesday saw Mark Cooper's men take a very impressive point away from the Banks's Stadium. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing all our new signings the very best of luck in their time at the Club. It was great to see Michael Smith join the likes of Charlie Austin and Sam Parkin in scoring on his Town debut. Moving away from football, I would like to draw your attention to a concert that will take place in March, in aid of



a worthwhile cause. The world-renowned Band of the Grenadier Guards will appear in concert with the Swindon Male Voice Choir (whose crest is displayed here) in support of COMBAT STRESS, a military charity which specialises in the care of Veterans' mental health. The concert will take place on Friday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Great Western Hall at the Steam Museum. Tickets are available for just £10 from the Swindon Male Voice Choir ticket point on 01793 822495 or by emailing swindonmalevoicechoir@msn.com. Alternatively, please drop me a line and I can help point you in the right direction. It promises to be a wonderful evening's entertainment so don't hesitate in securing your place. Enjoy the game.

Youuu Reeeeeeeds!

TOM OTREBSKI
EDITOR

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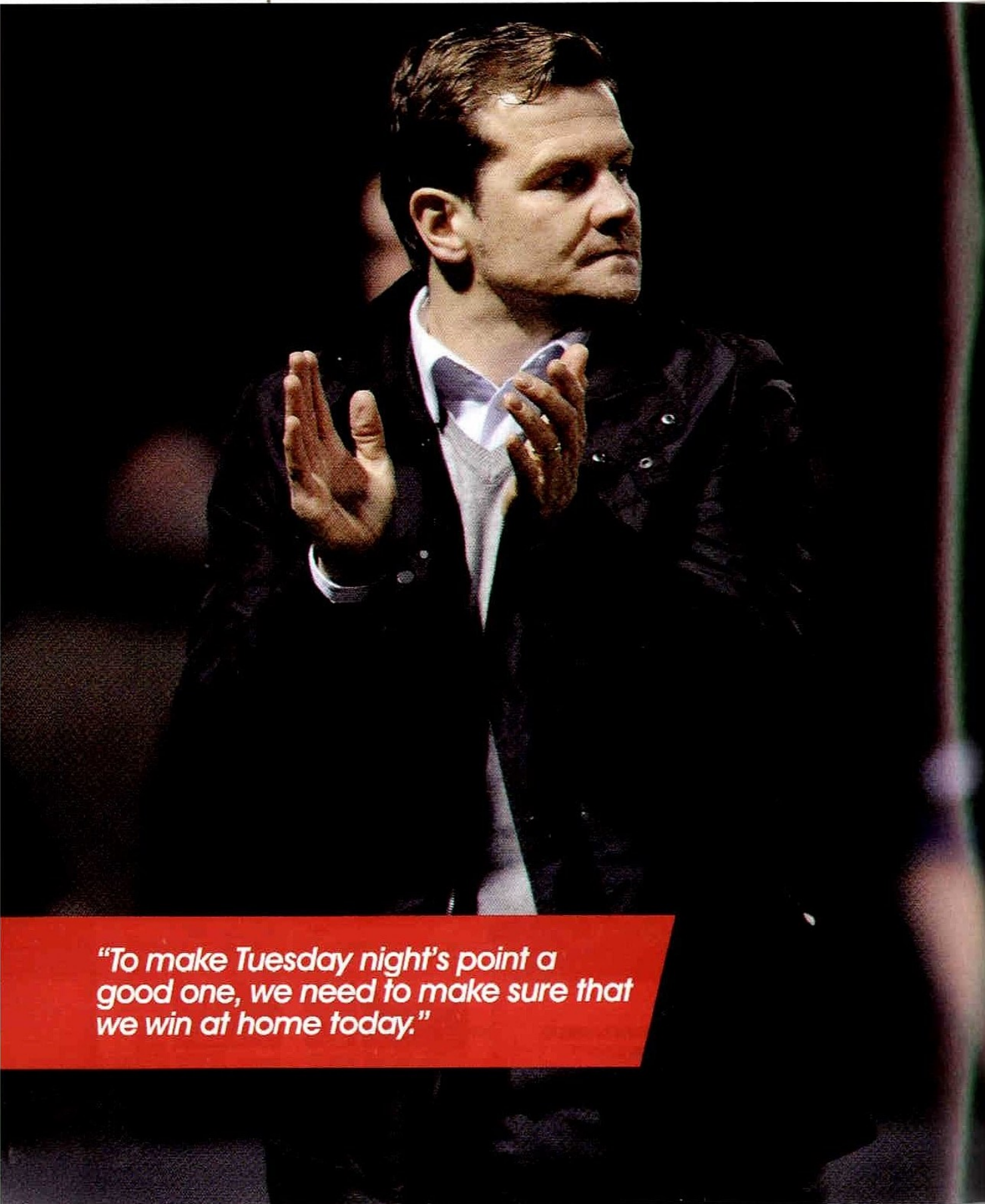


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"To make Tuesday night's point a good one, we need to make sure that we win at home today."

MARK COOPER



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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Oldham Athletic in this League 1 encounter...



OBVIOUSLY our recent away form has been a bone of contention. At Walsall, everyone expected us to get a hiding but we worked hard and went and showed a lot of grit and determination and it was nice to come away from such a difficult place with a point. Michael Smith has come in and he's done well. He's now got to keep going and we certainly won't let him rest on his laurels. He'll want to keep working hard to get better and better. This week we had a development game and that was important. We've been looking to get games for the injured boys and it was nice to get one up at Birmingham. Troy Archibald-Henville managed to get a game as did Tijane and

Alex Smith. It was nice to see them get a run-out.

We were beaten up at Oldham back in October. We were away from home and didn't really turn up on the day and were well and truly beaten. At home however, we're a totally different proposition. To make Tuesday night's point a good one, we need to make sure that we win at home today. Lee Johnson is another young manager in the game and he's done really well. He's gone to Oldham where they haven't got a huge budget but this season, they've shown that, on their day, they can get good results. We'll have to be aware that if we don't play properly and we're not right at it, we can get beat.

They managed to dig out a great win last weekend against Peterborough and that result just shows the nature of the league: you have to keep playing for 90 minutes. Thank you for your support against Shrewsbury. On a difficult afternoon you kept with us. That was succeeded by a good following on a dismal night up at Walsall and that is much appreciated.

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WELCOME back to The County Ground for today's meeting with Oldham Athletic...

WE worked hard to get the point at Walsall on Tuesday night, especially after going a goal down. All credit to the lads for coming back after what was a very good tie. A lot has been made of our recent away form and it's obviously there but we have no choice but to get on with it. Especially after the last two games, we have come off the pitch and the fans have not been happy. You have every right to be unhappy but we want you to understand that we are trying our very hardest. We are not trying to disappoint you so to see you react like this is hard but, of course, we do appreciate that you have spent your own money coming to see us. It would be lovely to get a win against Oldham at The County Ground today. We went there earlier in the season and we all knew we didn't fulfil our potential with regards to how well we could play and we were disappointed with that. It's a great opportunity for us this afternoon. They lost on Tuesday night so they will be looking to get a good win and wanting to get their second win against us this season. We need to stand strong and be organised. I've said it probably every time I've written these notes but I always want to reiterate the point. Please keep getting behind the players home and away. Please understand that we train



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hard and play hard to perform to the highest of standards. As everyone can imagine and respect, we all work hard and we all want to win. We've got to remember that, at the beginning of the season, no-one thought we would be in this position. The only way we are going to push on is if we all stick together.

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WELCOME back to The County Ground for this afternoon's League 1 fixture and a warm welcome to the players, management, supporters and Directors of Oldham Athletic...

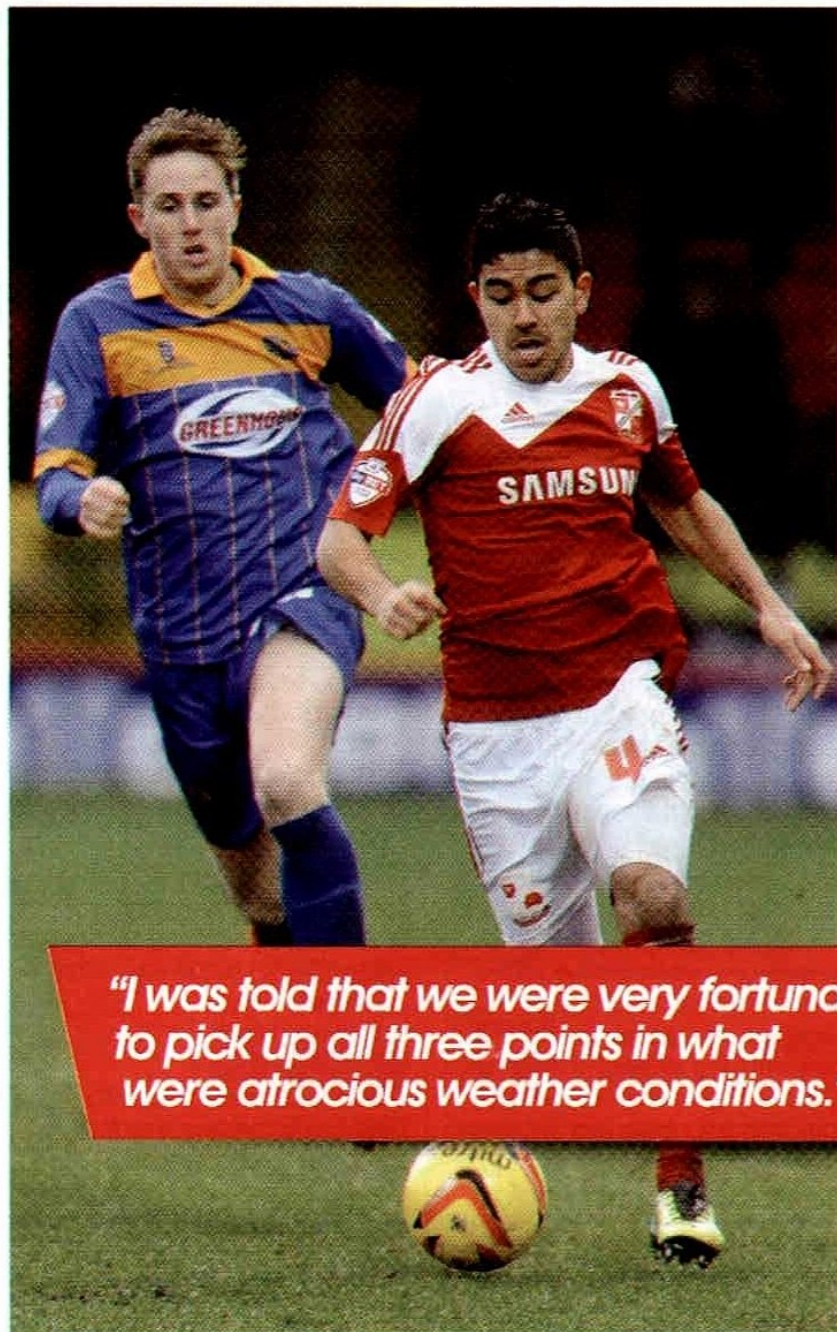
UNFORTUNATELY, last Saturday I was away in Dubai on a business trip as we ran out 3-1 winners over Shrewsbury Town here at The County Ground. I was told that we were very fortunate to pick up all three points in what were atrocious weather conditions. I think at this stage of the season, it was a much-needed win especially combined with the great point at Walsall on Tuesday that keeps us right on the coat-tails of the Play-Off pack. If we can win today's match against the Latics, the points will put us right back in the hunt.

Next Wednesday sees us play the first leg of our Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area Final against Peterborough. As you will have seen, we have decided to keep the same ticket prices for the return leg to get The County Ground packed out. Hopefully, we can return from London Road on Wednesday evening still in the hunt for a place in the Final and that we can get a full house that will cheer us on to a place in that Wembley Final.

Also, keep an eye out for next season's Season Ticket prices which we will be announcing in due course.

Enjoy the game.

LEE POWER
CHAIRMAN



"I was told that we were very fortunate to pick up all three points in what were atrocious weather conditions."

COMMERCIAL COMMENT



Keaton McNally



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GOOD afternoon everyone and welcome to The County Ground for what should be a fascinating game. My first few weeks as Head of Commercial at Swindon Town Football Club have been manic to say the least!

I have tried my best to meet as many of you as possible but apologies if I haven't yet. As key stakeholders of the Club, please feel free to drop me a line or catch me around the ground on matchdays with any commercial ideas, suggestions or areas for improvement and we will do our utmost to accommodate these. Similarly, if you are part of a business or know of a business that is interested in advertising at The County Ground or sponsoring the Football Club in any way, again, please do not hesitate to contact me.

At Swindon Town Football Club we are all working towards the same objective, which is to achieve on-field success and do as well as the Club possibly can. Commercially, we are here to bring in revenue for the club to keep it financially stable but to also provide funds for Mark Cooper and Luke Williams to invest in future players of the Club. Due to the relatively low television revenue in League 1 in comparison to higher leagues, the commercial department of our Football Club is imperative, so please buy into your beloved Swindon Town Football Club. Every penny counts!

The Betting Room

I would like to welcome The Betting Room to The County



Ground as our in-stadia betting provider for the foreseeable future. A booth can be found near the Member's Suite on the hospitality floor and in the concourses of the Arkell's and Don Rogers Stands.

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WELCOME to Simon Day & Co, Tithegrove and PrePay Solutions as our Matchday, Match Ball and Match Programme sponsors respectively. I hope you all have a fantastic day.

Hospitality

THE Club is very happy to hear lots of positive feedback in regard to all hospitality packages on matchdays as well as the vast improvement in the food and service provided by Centerplate. Next season will be the first season where the cost

of this service will need to be considered (when determining the seasonal and casual pricing of each hospitality package). A review of these packages is on-going and, with consultation, we look forward to releasing the hospitality pricing for next season in due course. We look forward to your continued support.

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AS you may be aware, there is limited advertising space left around The County Ground. Call Adam, Kay or myself if you are interested and allow your business to be part of the fans' experience.

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WE have had a number of enquiries about hiring the County Ground pitch. Watch out for further details on this soon.

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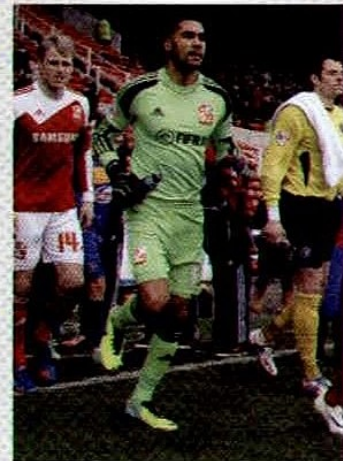
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MAN OF THE MATCH



Wes Foderingham

TOWN'S Number One was the Sponsors' choice as Man of the Match last weekend as Swindon ran out 3-1 winners against Shrewsbury at SN1. The stopper made a number of saves in the second half to keep the scores level before late goals sealed all three points for Mark Cooper's men.

Accompanied to the Sponsors' Suite by goalscoring debutant, Michael Smith, Wes was presented with his Man of the Match champagne by Main Match Sponsors, Verelogic.





MAGIC MOMENT: 1993

Manager Joe Royle celebrates after keeping Oldham in the Premier League on goal difference following a thrilling 4-3 win over Southampton at Boundary Park.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC



AFTER avoiding relegation last term, the Latics will be hoping to push on from their current mid-table position...

THE 2012/13 campaign was memorable for Latics fans in the FA Cup. A 3-2 victory over Nottingham Forest at the City Ground set up a home clash with Premier League giants, Liverpool in the 4th round. 2-1 up at the break, Oldham netted another just after half time and, despite the visitors pulling one back with ten minutes to play, held on to record a famous victory. Awarded another home tie against Everton in the next round, the Latics took the lead

before being pegged back and they were celebrating late on as Matt Smith's 90th minute equaliser forced a replay. Before that fixture however, Manager Paul Dickov stepped aside from his management duties after a poor run of results in League 1. After being dumped out in the replay at Goodison Park, the Latics appointed Lee Johnson as Manager in March. The move had the desired effect: after a 3-0 win in his first match in charge, Johnson guided

Oldham to safety. Following an impressive 4-3 win at Stevenage on the opening day of this season, the Latics have had a mixed campaign. Victory over Swindon in October preceded a run of three consecutive away wins including a 2-1 win at Wolves. In addition to reaching the JPT Area Semi-Finals, their FA Cup run was ended at Anfield by Liverpool and last Saturday produced a remarkable comeback to beat Peterborough 5-4 at Boundary Park.

FACTFILE:*Nickname:***The Latics***Stadium:***Boundary Park***Capacity:* **10,638****CLUB HONOURS:***First Division:***Runners-Up: 1914-15***Second Division:***Champions: 1990-91****Runners-Up: 1909-10***Third Division:***Champions: 1973-74***Third Division North:***Champions: 1952-53***Fourth Division:***Runners-Up: 1962-63***Lancashire Combination:***Champions: 1906-07***FA Cup:***Semi-Finalists: 1912-13,
1989-90, 1993-94***Football League Cup:***Runners-Up: 1990***Lancashire Senior Cup:***Winners: 1907-08, 1966-67,
2005-06***Anglo-Scottish Cup:***Runners-Up: 1978-79****THE GAFFER: LEE JOHNSON:**

IN his first managerial role, Johnson was (at the time of his appointment), the youngest Manager in the Football League when he was put in charge at Oldham in March 2013. His playing career saw him clock up 468 appearances during a 16-year period as a professional. After starting out in the youth ranks at Arsenal, he would go on to play for no fewer than eight clubs in England and in Scotland. He even played under his father, Gary, at Yeovil Town

and at Bristol City. During his time in the West Country, he clinched promotions with both of those sides, as Yeovil went from the Conference up to League 1 and with City he went up to the Championship. In the latter part of his playing career, he helped Kilmarnock to Scottish League Cup success over Celtic in 2012 before leaving in January of last year. He then took the reins at Boundary Park and, last term, steered the Latics clear of the relegation zone.

THE PLAYERS



OLDHAM ATHLETIC



Mark Oxley

THE Sheffield-born stopper is currently on a season-long loan at Boundary Park from Premier League side, Hull City. The 23-year old began his career as a trainee at Rotherham United then, in August 2008, he made the move east to the KC Stadium for a reported six-figure sum. He has only managed one first team appearance in his time on Humberside but has enjoyed loan spells at Grimsby Town and Yeovil Town.



Connor Brown

THE right full-back is a product of the youth ranks of hometown club, Sheffield United. Joining the Blades whilst still at primary school, Brown progressed to become a scholar and even had 12 months as a professional. Despite not making an appearance for the Bramall Lane outfit, he signed for Oldham in the summer of 2012 and made 29 appearances in his debut season. Penned a contract extension last summer.



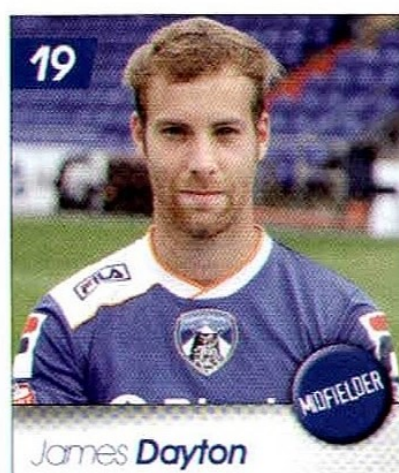
Jonathan Grounds

GROUNDs came through the renowned Academy at Middlesbrough, making his senior bow against Liverpool in the Premier League. He would go on to make a total of 37 appearances at the Riverside Stadium. The left full-back went on to have loan stints at Norwich City, Hibernian, Chesterfield and Yeovil Town before putting pen to paper on a contract with Oldham in the summer of 2012. Has appeared 37 times in all competitions for the Latics this term.



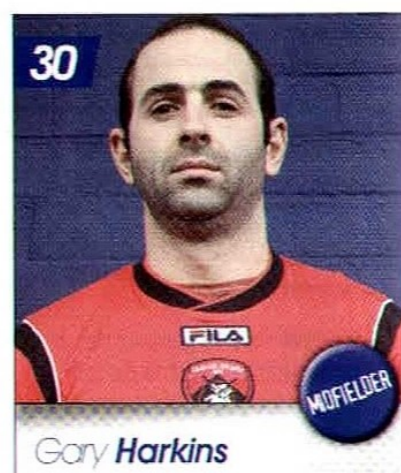
Korey Smith

SPOTTED playing junior football by Norwich City, Smith spent seven years with the Canaries and made his senior bow against Sheffield Wednesday in April 2009. Featured regularly as Norwich clinched successive promotions, rising from League 1 to the Premier League. With first team opportunities hard to come by in the top flight, the midfielder had loan spells with Barnsley and Yeovil before signing for the Latics in the summer of 2013.



James Dayton

LONDON-BORN Dayton came through the ranks at Crystal Palace and had loan spells with Yeovil and Crawley in the early part of his career. Following his release from Selhurst Park, he spent time at Glenn Hoddle's Academy in Spain before being snapped up by Scottish Premier League side, Kilmarnock. He made 74 appearances in three seasons at Rugby Park before moving south to sign for Oldham in May 2013.



Gary Harkins

THE midfielder was one of three loan players brought in by Lee Johnson at the start of January, joining from St. Mirren until the end of the season. Harkins started his career as a trainee at Blackburn before loan spells followed at Huddersfield, Bury and Blackpool. Has since played his football in his native Scotland, representing the likes of Partick Thistle, Dundee and Kilmarnock and joined the Buddies in the summer of 2013.

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Genserio **Kusunga**

THE centre-half came to Boundary Park from his native Switzerland, agreeing a deal for the 2013/14 campaign. During his time in Swiss football, he played for Servette and FC Basel, helping the latter to two league titles and a cup in 2011 and 2012. He also appeared in the Champions League as a substitute against Manchester United. Has recently declared himself to represent Angola at international level after twice appearing in the Swiss Under-21 squad.

James **Tarkowski**

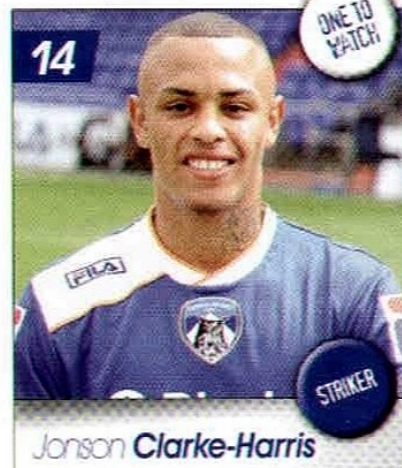
TARKOWSKI is a product of the Oldham youth system and was raised near Boundary Park. He made his first team bow whilst still a trainee, coming on as a substitute against Brentford in January 2011. Two months later, in March 2011, he made his full debut against Leyton Orient and was handed his first professional contract. The centre-half has since gone on to establish himself as a key component of the Latics' squad and signed a new contract last summer.

David **Worrall**

WORRALL is currently on loan from fellow League 1 side, Rotherham United. He started out at Bury before spells at West Bromwich Albion, Accrington Stanley and Shrewsbury Town preceded a return to Gigg Lane in January 2010 after a short loan stint. Over 150 appearances later, he then moved to Rotherham in the summer of 2013 but has found first team opportunities difficult to come by. Scored in the win over Peterborough last weekend.

Charlie **MacDonald**

MACDONALD started his career with Millwall and went on to turn professional with Charlton, playing and scoring for the Addicks in the Premier League. Following his release from The Valley, he dropped into non-league football, representing the likes of Margate, Stevenage and Crawley before joining Southend. Moved to Brentford in 2008 and helped fire them to the League 2 title. In 2001, he signed for MK Dons and was most recently at Orient before joining the Latics last summer.

Jonson **Clarke-Harris**

THE striker started out as a trainee with Coventry City before being snapped up by Peterborough United at the start of the 2012/13 campaign. Last term he spent time on loan at Southend and Bury, finding the net four times for the latter. Clarke-Harris made the move to Boundary Park in the summer of 2013 and has featured regularly for the Latics this term. He has six goals to his name in all competitions so far.

Danny **Philliskirk**

THE son of Latics' Academy Manager, Tony, the Oldham-born striker started his career at Boundary Park before signing for Chelsea in 2007. In his time at Stamford Bridge, he made his senior bow whilst on loan at Oxford and represented England's Under-17s. He then had a stint at Sheffield United before joining Coventry after his release from Bramall Lane. Left Coventry in the summer of 2013 and agreed a return to Oldham shortly afterwards.

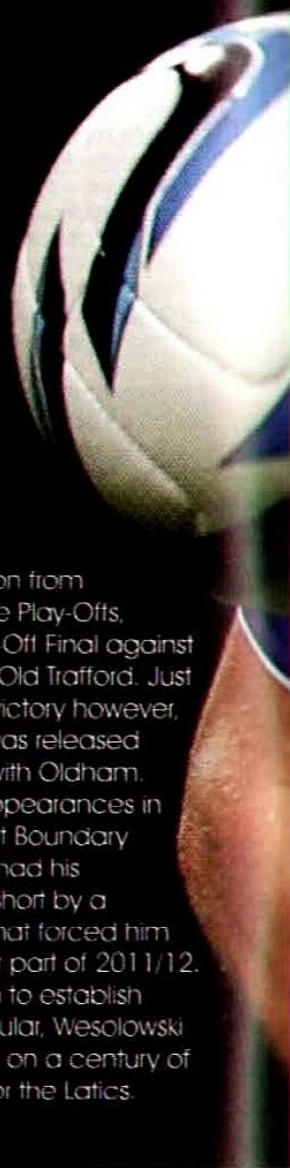
JAMES WESOLOWSKI

COYR takes a closer look at the midfielder who will be locking horns with Town's midfield unit in the battle for supremacy in the central third this afternoon...

WESOLOWSKI started his career in his native Australia playing for Northern Spirit where he was spotted by Leicester City, who moved quickly to secure his signature in 2002. After impressing in the reserves he also won admirers on the international stage, representing Australia in the FIFA World Youth Championship at the end of the 2004/05 season. In the 2005 pre-season, he suffered a broken leg in a friendly against Celtic and was out of action until the start of 2006. He came off the bench to make his Foxes debut in January 2006 in a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Cardiff City. He made his first

start just three days later in a 1-0 defeat at Plymouth Argyle. Sadly for the midfielder, he would break his leg again in a match at Brighton in February but recovered in time to make his return against Ipswich in August 2006. He would go on to make 24 appearances in all competitions that campaign and netted his first senior goal in an FA Cup tie against Fulham at Craven Cottage. In November 2007, he received his first call-up to the Australian national squad but was forced to withdraw through injury. Shortly afterwards, he was an unused substitute as the Socceroos beat Nigeria in a friendly. On the domestic scene, injuries continued to hamper his progress at the King Power Stadium and, in 2008, he had a brief loan spell at Cheltenham Town. The midfielder next went on loan to Dundee United north of the border but, after just a handful of appearances, a hamstring injury cut his season short. The following campaign, Wesolowski made 29 league

appearances for Hamilton Academicals during a season-long loan stay before signing for Peterborough United in the summer of 2010. In just 12 months at London Road, he helped Posh secure promotion from League 1 via the Play-Offs, starting the Play-Off Final against Huddersfield at Old Trafford. Just days after that victory however, the midfielder was released and joined up with Oldham. He made 30 appearances in his first season at Boundary Park but again, had his campaign cut short by a shoulder injury that forced him to miss the latter part of 2011/12. Having gone on to establish himself as a regular, Wesolowski is now closing in on a century of appearances for the Latics.



SKI



FACTFILE:

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Date of birth:

25 August 1987

Place of birth:

Sydney, Australia

Height:

1.72m (5ft 7.5in)

Playing position:

Midfielder

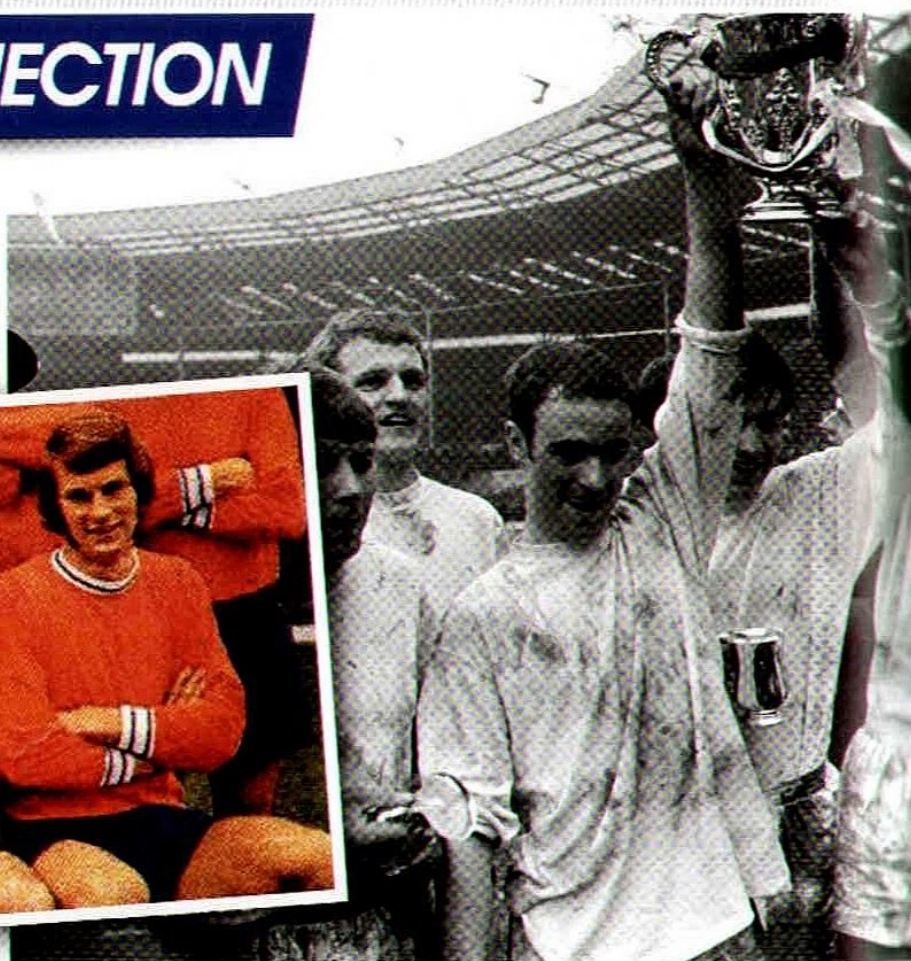
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Life Outdoors

"Having gone on to establish himself as a regular, Wesolowski is now closing in on a century of appearances for the Latics."

CLUB CONNECTION

DON HEATH:

A member of Swindon's iconic League Cup-winning side, Danny Williams signed Heath from Norwich City in 1967. The winger would go on to make over 100 appearances for Town scoring just three goals and played virtually every minute of the League Cup run. He was on the field for all 120 minutes of the Wembley Final. The winger moved on to Oldham in the summer of 1970 and went on to play a part in the Latics' promotion-winning 1970/71 campaign before signing for Peterborough.



PAST ENCOUNTER



MAGIC MOMENTS:



Date: 09.02.2010
 Swindon Town 4
 Oldham Athletic 2
 Attendance 6,183

TOWN cemented their place in the League One Play-Offs in this encounter from four years ago. With the first half threatening to pass by without anything of note, Billy Paynter picked the ball up around 25 yards from goal. He then proceeded to crack in the opener. Seconds later it was 2-0. When Charlie Austin was hauled down in the box, Paynter doubled the advantage from the spot. Austin himself added a third just after the break before Danny Ward had Town four goals to the good just before the hour. The visitors did pull back two goals in the final ten minutes but it was too late to stop Swindon claiming all three points.



1971

AFTER finishing as runners up in Division One in 1915 and reaching an FA Cup Semi-Final in 1913, Oldham spend the intervening years going between the lower divisions. They start their rise in 1971, finishing as runners-up in the Fourth Division.

1974

THE Latics seal their second Divisional title, clinching the Third Division Championship under the guidance of Jimmy Frizzell.



1990

OLDHAM reach the League Cup Final at Wembley after beating West Ham 6-3 on aggregate in the Semi-Final. Sadly for the Latics however, they are beaten 1-0 by Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest.

1991

AFTER a 68-year absence, Joe Royle guides Oldham into the top flight as they finish the campaign as Division Two Champions. They would go on to become founder members of the Premier League.



1994

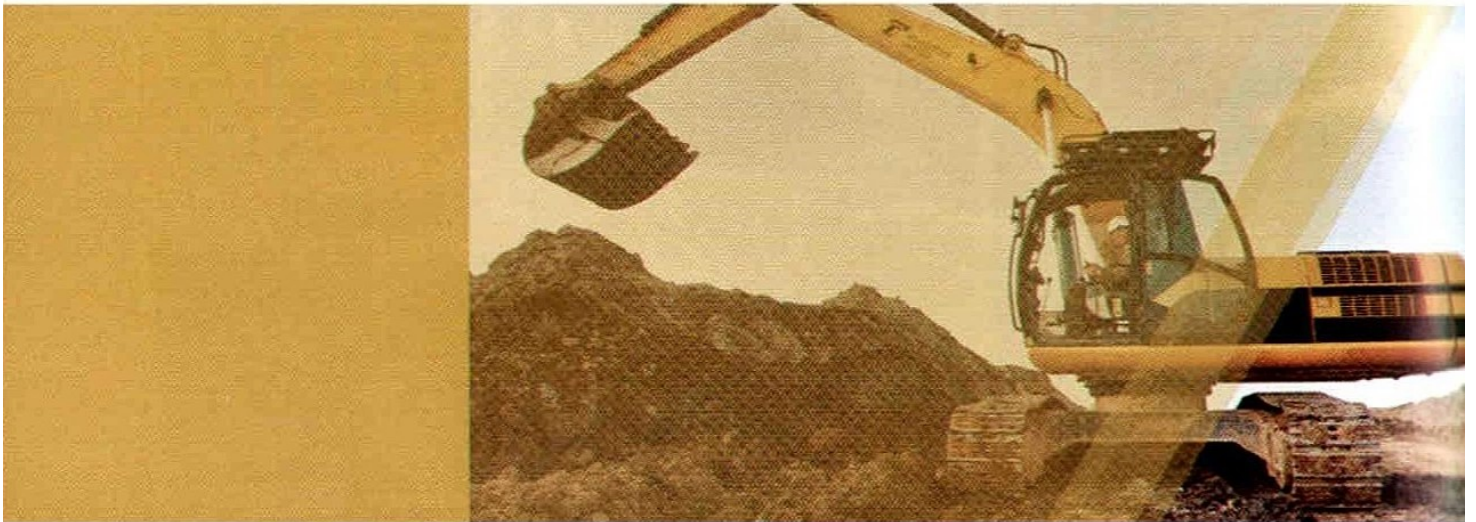
THE Latics reach the FA Cup Semi-Final for the third time. Despite holding Manchester United in the first game, they are beaten in the replay at Maine Road.



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COYR rounds up the transfer dealings that took place before Town's last home match with Shrewsbury...



MICHAEL Smith says he jumped at the chance to be reunited with former manager Mark Cooper at Swindon Town.

Speaking after his first training session, the striker declared that he is ready and raring to go.

"I was at Darlington under the Manager (Mark Cooper) and that was one of the reasons I came," he told STFC Player. "I know how the Manager does things and I know how he works so I jumped at the chance to come here and to work with him."

After his debut double against Shrewsbury last week, he admitted post-match that it was nice to get goals under his belt so early in his Town career.

"It's great to get my debut out of the way and get two goals," he said. "3-1 flattered us in a way but we're happy with the three points."

"I can't remember much (about the first goal) to be honest. I'm relieved to get one on my debut let alone two. Every striker has that selfish streak and it's always nice to get off the mark but as long as the lads got three points and I could play a part in that."

Before that however, he was joined by loan signing Jamie Reckord, who said that he hopes to add something to the current Town squad.

"I found out they (Swindon) were interested so I just took the opportunity when I could and hopefully we'll see what happens," he said.

"I've seen them before I've played against them: they like to keep the ball, they pass well and that's my game as well so hopefully I can add something to the team. I would like to play as many games as possible really, to build my confidence up."



JPT Update



THE First Leg of Town's JPT Area Final against Peterborough United at London Road next week will be screened live in the Legends Lounge.

Doors will open at 6pm on Wednesday 5th February with kick-off at 7.15pm.

There will also be pulled pork baps on sale priced at £4 each.

Remember that prices have been frozen for the return leg at The County Ground. Turn to page 77 for more details.

Please note - the date for this tie has not yet been set but will be confirmed after the first leg.

2014/15 Season Tickets

SEASON Tickets for next season will go on sale on the 17th February at Phase One prices, offering great incentives for supporters to sign-up early.

Full details, including a breakdown of the pricing structure, will be released on the 17th.

For a taster of the 2014/15 Season Ticket campaign, head to page 8 of this programme.

RAPHAEL BRANCO

FROM Brazil's biggest clubs and facing Neymar, to cold afternoons at Bradford in League 1, the centre-half is now hoping to build on the impressive start he has made to his Swindon career...

Rapha, let's start by talking about your upbringing in Brazil. When did you first start playing football?

I actually started playing football when I was 6 years old in Japan. I went to live there with my family; my dad's an ex-player and he went to Japan for work. I started to play in the football team at school when I was 6 years old with Kashima Reysol. After that, at nine years old, I went back to Brazil. When all my family were together in Brazil, this is when I realised that this is what I want to do with my life. For me, it was not easy because my dad is an ex-player so he said to me things that were so important to me at that time. I had a good conversation with my dad where he said: "you do whatever you want. If you want to be a footballer you be a footballer. I'll trust you and be with you." My dad was a goalkeeper in Brazil. He retired and became a goalkeeper manager (coach).

A lot of youngsters in England dream about

playing football. I suppose in Brazil, with the Seleção (Brazilian national team) revered the world over, everyone wants to be a footballer right?

Yes, it's true. When you grow up in Brazil everyone speaks about football so you grow up with football on your mind but there are other options, so you and your family have to be careful that you do not get caught up in it all. I think I had a good opportunity because my dad has helped me a lot and my brother plays too so my whole family love football.

So you returned to Brazil at the age of nine. What happened from that point up until you came to England?

After I came back to Brazil, I played for the school team. After that, at 15 years old, I had a chance to get into my first youth team with Guarani Football Club. They were in the Fourth Division but now they're in the Third Division. I had a good experience there. Then, after that, I went to play



FACTFILE:

Full name:
Raphael Rossi Branco
Date of birth:
25 July 1990
Place of birth:
Campinas, Brazil
Height:
1.88m (6ft 2")
Playing position:
Defender

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"When you grow up in Brazil everyone speaks about football so you grow up with football on your mind..."



"I came to England and I've been here for two years now and I can honestly say that was the best choice I've made in my life."

at Corinthians and I had the best time of my life there. I was playing for one of the biggest clubs in Brazil, playing in my city with my family around me and I had a good manager to help me. After Corinthians I went to Porto Alegre and, at this time, I had the chance to play my first professional game. When I started to play professionally at 18 years old, I had an option to stay there or come to England and start my life here. I spoke with my family: my mum, my dad, my brothers - the people that would listen. I got a chance to say to them that I wanted a good challenge in my life. So, I came to England and I've been here for two years now and I can honestly say that was the best choice I've made in my life.

Tell us what it was like to play for clubs like Corinthians and Porto Alegre. Did you ever get the chance to play with the first team?

Yes. When I was at Corinthians we had this 11 v 11 match with the first team every week or every month, so we did have contact with the players. But when I was there, Corinthians were playing in the Second Division so they didn't have any of the players they do now like (Alexandre) Pato but we did have good contact with the first team.

Let's move on to England. Was it a bit of a culture shock when you first arrived?

I came to Brighton when Gus Poyet was there. He brought me from Brazil just for a trial because at that time I did not have a European passport. I'm from South America and to play in England I needed a European passport. I came for 10 to 15 days just to train and

see what the football is like in England. At that time I think Brighton were playing in League One in 2010/2011 and they got promoted that year. After that, I had a conversation with Gus and he said: "Rapha, I really like you. I want you to come to Brighton to play. I'm going to offer you a contract" but I still needed a passport so I went back to Brazil to sort my papers out first.

Talk us through your time at Brighton.

When my passport was ready, I came to Brighton and played in friendlies and with the reserves for nine months but I never played for the first team. After this, I went back to Brazil again and I had a chance to stay there. Then, my agent called me and asked if I wanted to come back to play in England. So he took me to Whitehawk. When I went there and saw everything - the pitch, the team - I said "no, I don't want to stay, it's not what I want in my life." Then I spoke with my family and everyone said that I should keep going and that good challenges are going to come, so I said I would play half a season. After six months and at the end of the season we got promoted and I had a chance to come to Swindon in the summer.

And then you get a phone call inviting you to come on trial with Swindon Town to Portugal...

My agent called me saying

#ASKRAPHA

EACH week, we invite supporters to pitch their questions via the club's official Facebook and Twitter pages. Make sure you log on for the opportunity to get your question answered.



What did you sing for your initiation song?

Dan Crowley
(on Twitter)

It was very funny because I sang 'Oh Happy Day'. When I started to sing everyone started to laugh!

What other sports could you have played other than football?

Josef Seymour (on Twitter)

Maybe volleyball or tennis.



How do the beaches here in England compare to those in Brazil?

Mark Super-Sub Fry (on Facebook)

(Laughs)
I've been to two beaches here in England: Bournemouth and Brighton. Nothing compares to Brazil so I will always prefer Brazilian beaches.

#ASKRAPHA



Who is the hardest player you've ever played against?

Tevje Torp
(on Facebook)

When I was playing at Corinthians I played against Neymar so he is one of the best players I've played against.



Zico or Socrates?

Jason Roberts (on Facebook)

Zico because he's a more technical and clever player.

Red sauce or Brown sauce?

Liam Buckland (on Facebook)

Red sauce.

What footballer was your idol when you were younger?

Aidan Stfc Pritchard
(on Facebook)

When I was younger, I always looked up to my brother so he's my idol: someone I use as an example for myself in life. If you're talking about a big player I'd say David Luiz.



"you're going to Portugal for a week for a trial with Swindon Town." I thought: this is my chance to sign with Swindon and start my life in England again. I had to take the chance with two hands. It was another challenge but I've always loved challenges even when I

was younger: I prefer hard things I can work for. I came to Portugal at the beginning of the season. It was a good week then I got a phone call telling me that I'm going to stay.

So you're now a Swindon Town player. At that stage, Mark Cooper was still the Caretaker Manager, but you had a familiar face in Luke Williams...

Yes, it was very good. When I was in Portugal I saw that Luke was there. When I knew he was going to stay here I knew that he was going to be very good for us, him and Mark Cooper, the Manager. I think they're going to do a good job together.

And you got your chance against Plymouth in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. What do you remember of that?

I remember the first half I didn't play well. I'll be honest: I really didn't play well.

When the second half came, I said to myself: this is it, I have to play well. So I played a good second half and then after that I didn't play until the Bradford game. That was an amazing game for myself. After it finished,

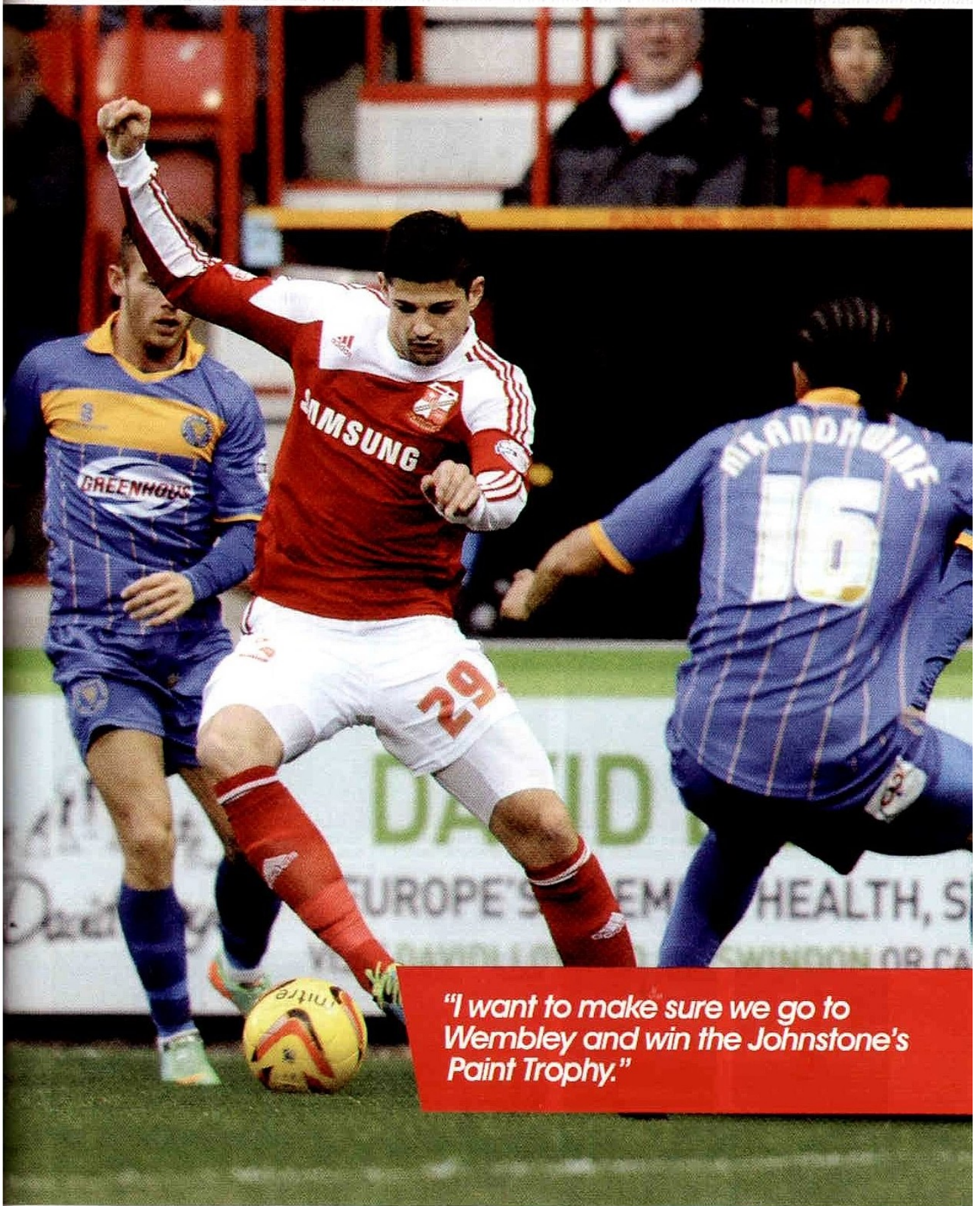
I felt like I did my best; I gave my everything. I gave my life on the pitch. I hope I showed to Luke and 'Coops' that I can play and that I can do my best for the team. After this game, I felt like I might get more chances to play.

Then you started the Peterborough match at home. That was a big game - your first league start for Swindon - what an experience that must have been playing in such a high-profile match...

Really, I didn't expect that I was going to start the game. The gaffer put me in the first eleven so, now that the opportunity came to play, I had to show the best of my skills. Everything I had learnt in the past 23 years I had to show. I had to give everything: this is the game to show why I came to England. This was the game I needed to show that I wanted to stay here and be a good player and stay at this level. I felt like I did really well again and when you feel like you're doing well you get more confidence in the game which is what happened to me. I remember I made two good tackles inside the box. I was so surprised at the end of the game that I got Man of the Match as well.

After this start, have you set yourself any targets for the rest of the season?

Personally, I want to still play, of course, but also I want to make sure we go to Wembley and win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. I want to get to the Play-Offs too. I would like this for myself and for Swindon too. It was a good draw against Walsall on Tuesday but today's game is also going to be very important.



"I want to make sure we go to Wembley and win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy."

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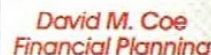


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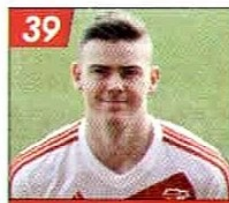


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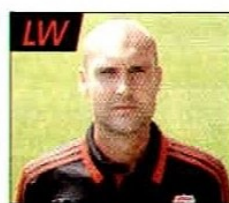


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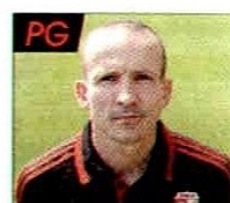


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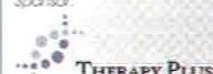
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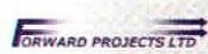


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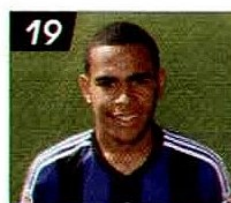


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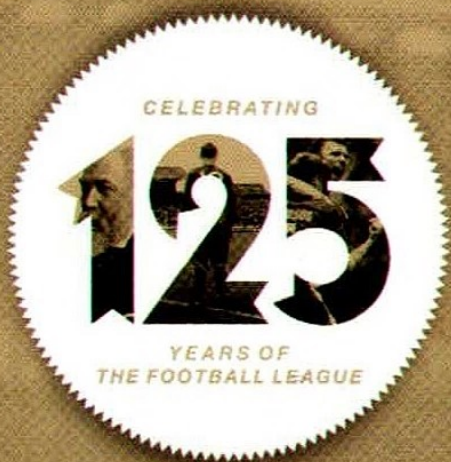
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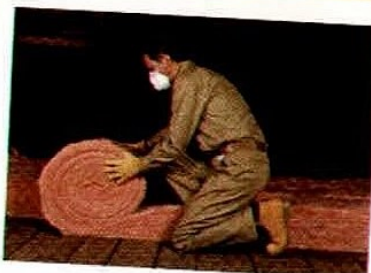
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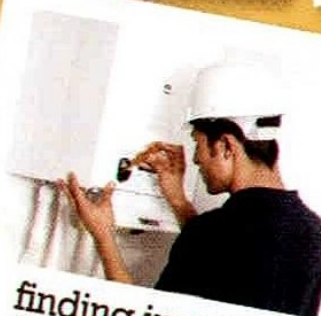
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15. PLASTIC PITCHES

WE continue our look back at what was acceptable in the 80s by this week taking a look at plastic pitches...

THE visit of Oldham today, combined with the recent bout of poor weather that has put paid to fixtures up and down the country, provides a fitting opportunity to take a look back at the experimental plastic pitches that were introduced into English football in the 1980s.

Former England Manager Terry Venables, then boss at Queens Park Rangers, was the man who pioneered the installation of artificial surfaces at Loftus Road at the start of the decade. Before long, the likes of Preston and Oldham soon followed suit. Swindon never beat Oldham at Boundary Park whilst the club used an artificial surface between 1986 and 1991.

It was argued that an artificial surface was far easier to maintain than proper grass. Some QPR supporters even claimed that plastic pitches added excitement to games by producing lively action and higher ball bounces. It was also mooted that plastic pitches could be the 'saviour of English Football'.

However, a harder surface often resulted in injuries and supporters even had a u-turn in opinion, complaining that the football was dull to watch.

Town's experience of another plastic pitch, this time at Luton, would end in heartbreak at the Semi-Final stage of the Simod Cup. Despite Kieran O'Regan's equaliser,

the Hatters took their place in the Wembley Final after a 2-1 win in extra-time.

Would the result have been different had the game been played on natural grass?



ABOVE: Action from Oldham and Luton on their respective artificial surfaces. **BELOW:** Terry Venables sits proudly atop the plastic pitch at QPR.



ABOVE: Brushing down the plastic then re-laying the turf at Loftus Road.



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GEORGE BARKER'S

FAV 5

COYR finds out a little more about the Town players by discovering some of their favourite things...



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It would have to be a Ferrari because they're quick and they look good.



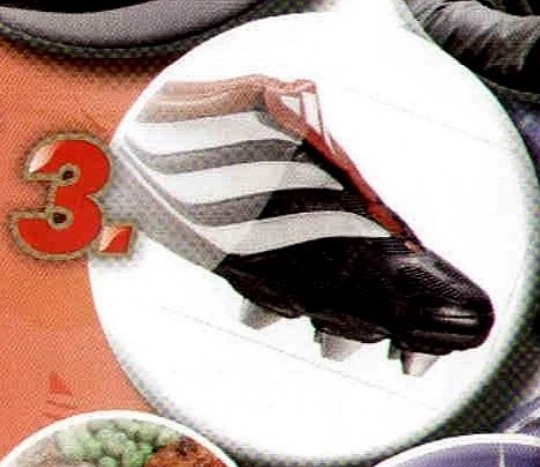
2. MY FAV MOVIE...

I like Taken, that was probably one of the best films I've seen because I like Liam Neeson as an actor.



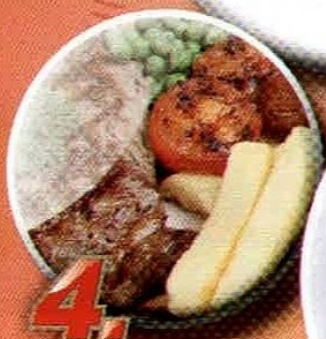
3. MY FAV BOOTS...

The old-school Peds, they were the best ones because Beckham used to wear them.



4. MY FAV MEAL...

I like a nice bit of steak, yeah definitely a good steak and chips!



5. MY FAV HOLIDAY...

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FINAL SCORE



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Oldham Athletic:

Attendance:



**Rockin' Robin's
Prediction...**

6-1 win to Town!

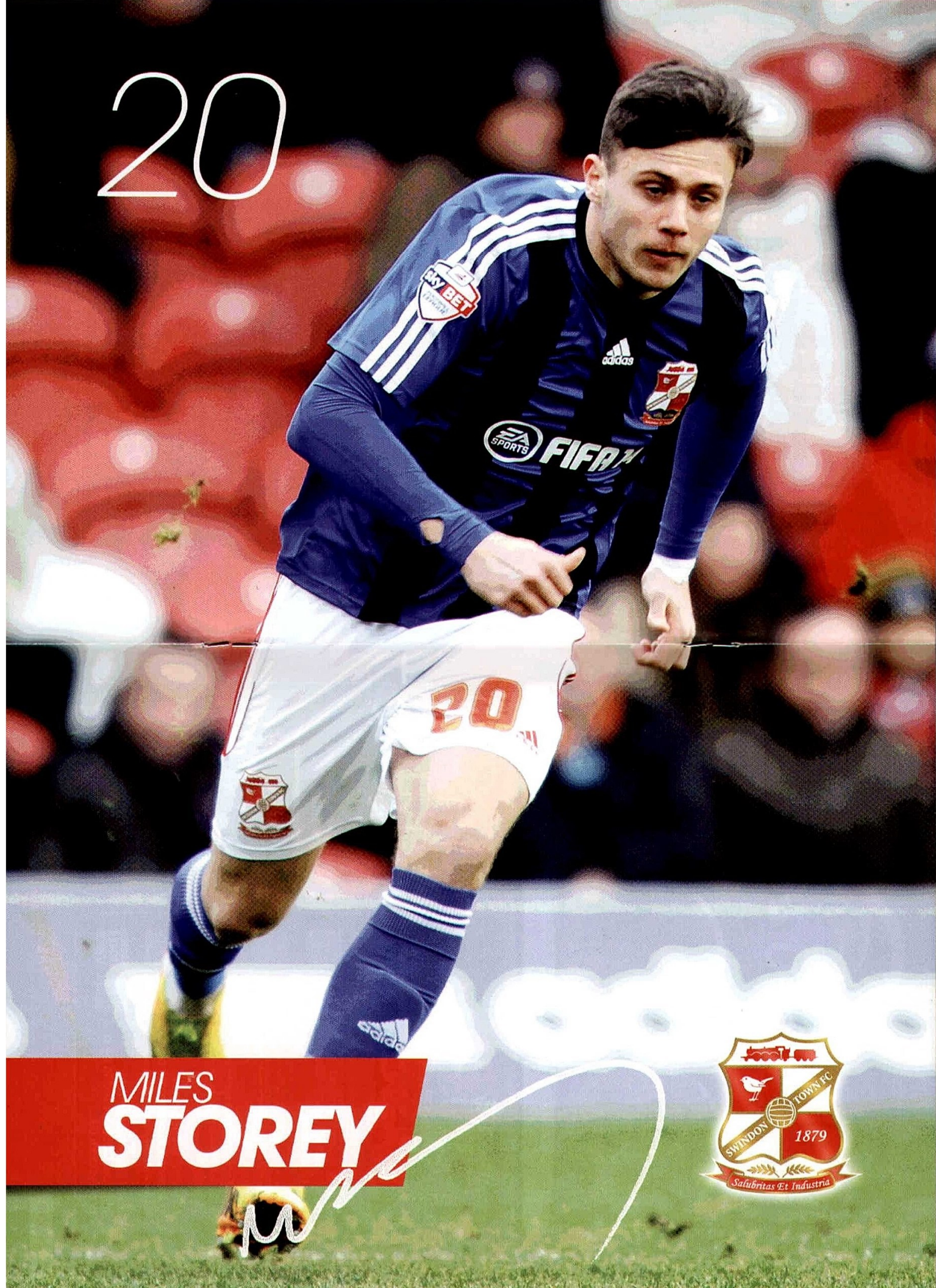
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With 50 points up for grabs how many can you score?

MY SCORE:

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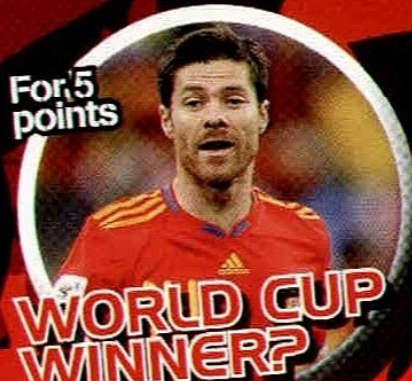
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WORLD CUP WINNER?

TRUE or FALSE



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- 1** Both Swindon Town and Oldham Athletic have birds on their Club crests...
- 2** Oldham used to play their matches on a plastic pitch...
- 3** Wes Foderingham recently won a lifetime supply of Jelly Babies...
- 4** Massimo Luongo once competed in an ice dancing competition in Australia...
- 5** Town's Sports Scientist Michael Cooper used to be a professional DJ...

True False

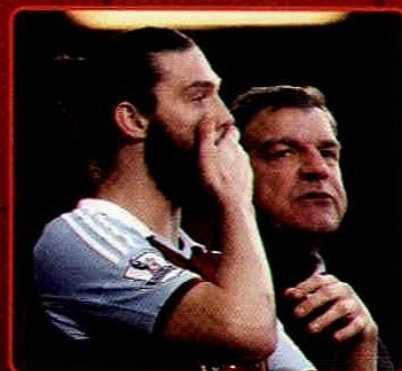
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PREM PICK



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Who is Sam Allardyce pictured with?



THE CONUNDRUM!

Can you reveal the former Town skipper?

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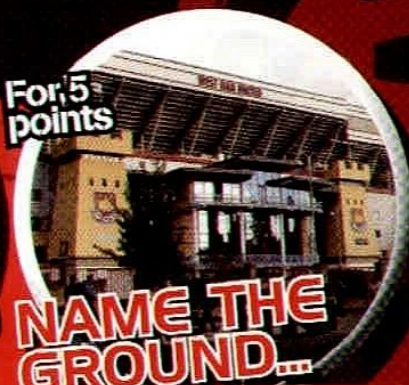
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WHOSE BADGE...

For 5 points



NAME THE GROUND...

For 5 points



NAME THE PLAYER...

PLAYER FACTS

George Barker

1 I signed as a Youth with which current Championship side in 2008?

2 I have played for which League 2 club this season?

3 How old am I?

1 point per correct answer

WHOSE KIT

For 2 points



Answers...
 The Conundrum: Gordon Gower
 Who is Timmy: Ryan Horley
 Who's the Boss: David Moyes
 World Cup Winner: Keith Hennessey
 Whose Badge: Preston North End
 Name the Ground: Lifford Park
 Name the Player: Brian Howard
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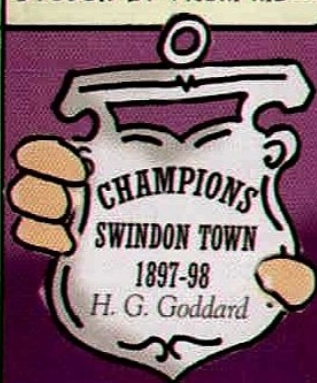
HI GANG!
I'M OUTSIDE THE
CG LOADING UP
FRASER'S VAN
WITH HIS VIDEOS..
I WAS KNOCKED
FLYING BY A
MYSTERIOUS
CHARACTER IN A
BIG RUSH, BUT
THANKFULLY
DARREN WARD WAS
ON HAND TO STOP
HIM IN HIS
TRACKS - LIKE
THE TRULY GREAT
CENTRAL
DEFENDER THAT
HE IS!



BLIMEY... THERE'S NO WAY
PAST YOU! UMMM I WAS JUST
PRACTISING MY SPRINTS
AND FORGOT TO LOOK UP...
HONESTLY....



I NEARLY BELIEVED HIM
BUT THEN I SPOTTED
IN HIS HAND... IT WAS
MY MEDAL! HE HAD
STOLEN IT FROM ME!!!



TIM... I'M SORRY... IT'S WRONG TO
STEAL... BUT I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING
YOUR STORY... I HAVE TO TELL YOU...



YOUR FACTS ARE ALL WRONG...
AND MY NAME IS BILLY GODDARD

JUST THEN GRANDAD
ARRIVED AT THE CG
TO COLLECT ME....



WHAT'S GOING ON TIM, IT
ALL SEEMS A BIT TENSE
HERE - WHO'S THIS LAD?

H.G. GODDARD WAS MY GREAT-
GREAT-GRANDFATHER AND HE WAS
IN FACT A GOALIE..AND I WAS
CLAIMING THE MEDAL BACK...



...FOR MY FAMILY...YOU FOUND THE
WRONG GODDARD IN THE RECORDS
I'M HERE TO PUT THINGS RIGHT!

GRANDAD WAS
AMAZED BUT GLAD
HIS STORY
WAS A BIT RIGHT!



SO DARREN... CAN I INTEREST YOU
IN BUYING ONE OF MY VIDEOS?

HAVE YOU GOT ANY BRUCE WILLIS?

NO, THEY ARE
ALL OF MY
CAREER...

OH...THERE'S
MY BUS...



NEXT TIME... WE LEARN MORE
ABOUT BILLY, AND TIM MAKES A
BREAKTHROUGH IN HIS QUEST TO
MAKE IT AS A GOALKEEPER!

ACADEMY MATTERS



Jeremy
Newton

ACADEMY Manager Jeremy Newton takes a break from his preparations for the forthcoming audit to pen the latest Academy update...

I look up from my desk as I'm writing these notes and all I can see are folders everywhere. There are mountains of documentation all over my office as we're building up for the audit. The audit tool from the Premier League had to be submitted on Thursday so that's why things are a little bit all over the place at the moment. It is all organised and, by the time you are reading this, it will already have been sent away. It has been 18 months of continuous hard work uploading lots of data for the audit tool. The Premier League auditors will be here for five days in February and they'll look through everything from our coaching programme to the finances and everything we do within the Academy. All the documentation details how we deliver the Academy programme. The auditors will also interview all the full-time staff alongside other club staff including the First Team Manager to see that what we're doing is working alongside the first team and that we're sharing the same philosophy. Recently, our Under-15s have played Southampton and Bristol City and are due to go to Liverpool in early February. We're governed by our games programme within the Category Three remit. However, at this moment in time, a lot of clubs don't run an Under-15s side so we have to try and



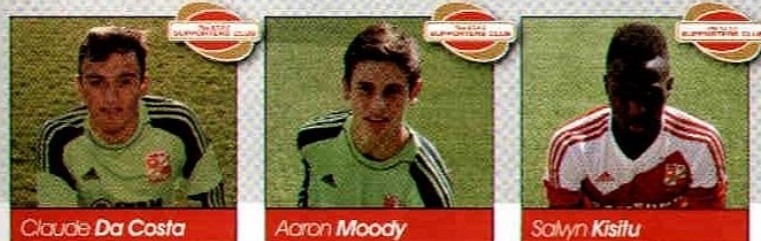
get additional games for our Under-15s. With the standards of our Under-15s it's actually quite easy to get the games and that's been reflected by playing the likes of Stoke City, Arsenal, Everton, Manchester City, Liverpool, Bristol City and Southampton. The 15s, along with the rest of the Academy, are doing really well and it's very pleasing that the First Team Manager takes a real genuine interest in the Academy. He recently went and watched the Under-11s and Under-12s so it's a breath of fresh air to know that he is interested. He's starting to pick up names of the kids now which is fundamentally important and means he can really familiarise himself with the players. This week the Under-16 reviews will take place where they find out whether we're

going to be offering them youth contracts. It doesn't get any easier telling these boys that their initial futures don't lie here at Swindon Town Football Club. Having said that, we hope they've had a great experience here. Some of the players have had the experience of playing all over the world and hopefully that will give them a good understanding and experience for wherever they end up.

JEREMY NEWTON
ACADEMY MANAGER /
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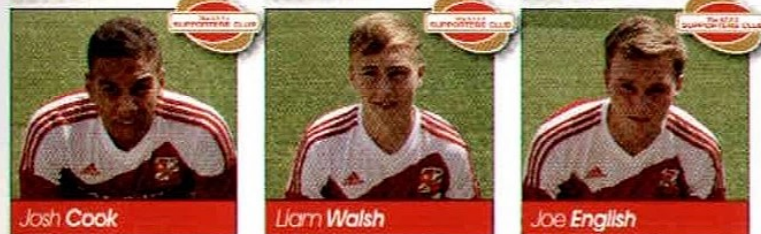
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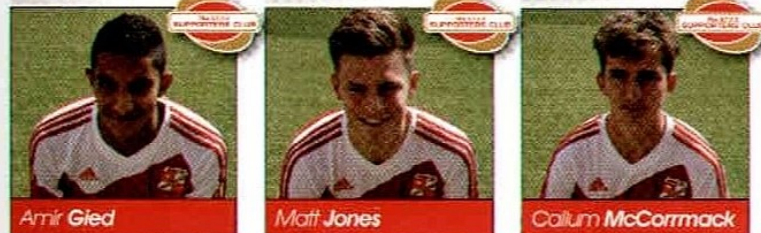
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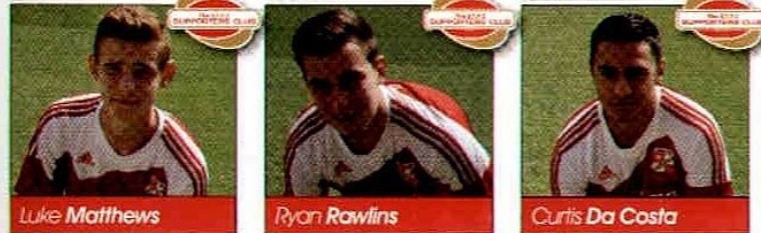
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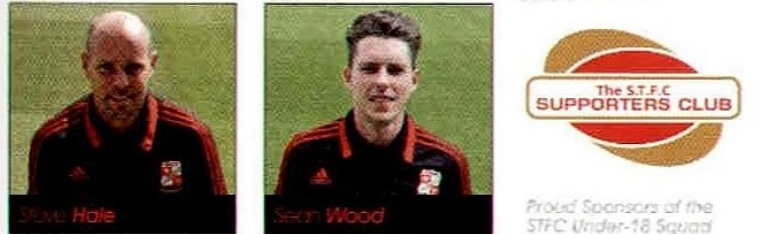
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2013/14 U18s Fixtures:

Date:	Fixture:	Res:
Sat Aug 10	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Aug 17	Exeter City	0-5 L
Sat Aug 31	Hereford United	4-1 W
Sat Sep 7	Cup 1 (Bye)	-
Sat Sep 14	A.F.C. Bournemouth	3-4 L
Sat Sep 21	Newport County	2-2 D
Sat Sep 28	Cup 2 Oxford United	1-7 L
Sat Oct 5	Cup 3 AFC Bournemouth	0-2 L
Sat Oct 12	Bristol Rovers	2-3 L
Sat Oct 19	Cup 4 Cheltenham Town	0-4 L
Tue Oct 29	Cup 5 Hereford United	2-4 L
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	0-2 L
Wed Nov 6	Exeter City FAY1	4-3 W
Tue Nov 19	Leyton Orient FAY2 (CG)	1-4 L
Sat Nov 23	Cheltenham Town	2-3 L
Sat Dec 14	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Feb 1	Exeter City	H
Sat Feb 8	Newport County	H
Sat Feb 15	Cup	-
Sat Feb 22	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A
Sat Mar 1	Bristol Rovers	H
Sat Mar 8	Torquay United	A
Sat Mar 15	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Mar 22	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Mar 29	Hereford United	A
Sat Apr 5	Free	-
Sat Apr 12	Torquay United	H
Sat Apr 26	Free	-
Sat May 3	In Service	-

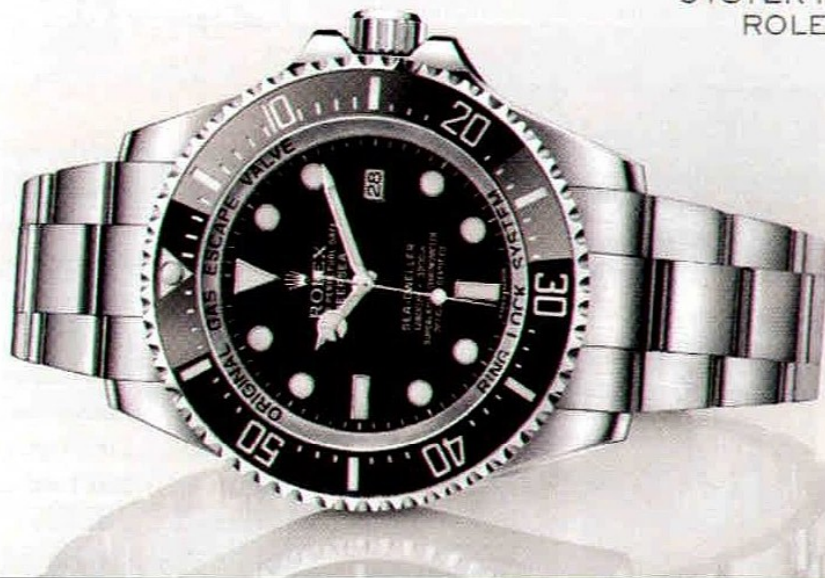
2013/14 U18s Table:

Team:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Bristol Rovers	9	6	3	0	+10	21
Cheltenham	10	6	2	2	+15	20
Oxford United	10	6	2	2	+10	20
Bournemouth	9	6	2	1	+9	20
Exeter City	10	5	2	3	+9	17
Plymouth	9	4	0	5	0	12
Hereford	8	3	1	4	-4	10
Newport Co.	12	1	2	9	-23	5
SWINDON	9	1	1	7	-9	4
Torquay United	8	1	1	6	-17	4



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A Town debutant made an immediate impact last weekend. Dave Wallis tells the story of an STFC Hall of Famer who did likewise 35 years ago...

A week ago, new signing Michael Smith made a great start to his Swindon career when he scored twice on his Town debut, but 35 years ago, another Swindon debutant went one better.

Michael's namesake, Town manager Bobby Smith, paid £80,000 to Watford for the services of striker Alan Mayes on 8th February 1979. With a weather-induced break until 24th February, Alan had plenty of time to meet his new teammates before his first competitive action. The five foot seven inch frontman signalled his intent with a devastating start at Rotherham.

At the time, Town were fourth in Division Three while United were mid-table.

With the game goalless as the half-time oranges were being prepared in the Millmoor changing room, Mayes registered his first Swindon goal as the clock ticked over to 45 minutes.

Striker Trevor Phillips equalised for the home side 11 minutes after the restart, but our new man was to capture the first of many 'a-Mayes-ing' headlines before the afternoon was done. Nineteen minutes into the second period he struck again, before rounding off his debut with a treble just two minutes later.

Alan had begun his career at QPR without making an appearance and, after a loan spell at Northampton, joined the Hornets at Vicarage Road.

Fifty goals in 112 Town games saw Chelsea fork out £200,000 in December 1980 to take Mayes to Stamford Bridge but, in July 1983, and despite a goal in almost every third game for the Blues, he was back at The County Ground on a free transfer.

Playing as part of a poor Fourth Division team, he plundered another 32 goals in 72 games before leaving once more in June 1985.

Spells at Carlisle United and Newport County followed, but he wound down his playing career with a 12 match, six goal stint at Blackpool, during which Alan popped up to add his name to the scoresheet at The County Ground one last time. On this occasion however, his strike helped inflict the ignominy of a 6-2 home defeat on Town in August 1986.

In all competitions, Alan Mayes' name appeared on the credit side of Town's scoresheet no fewer than 82 times in 184 matches. Now a member of Town's Hall of Fame, the man he beat three times on his Swindon debut also holds an interesting statistic: Tom McAlister was Rotherham's keeper on that day in February 1979.

Perhaps deciding 'if you can't beat them, join them', he had a twelve-month spell at The County Ground starting in May 1980 and, making just one first team appearance, he kept a clean sheet in a 3-0 home win over Plymouth Argyle.

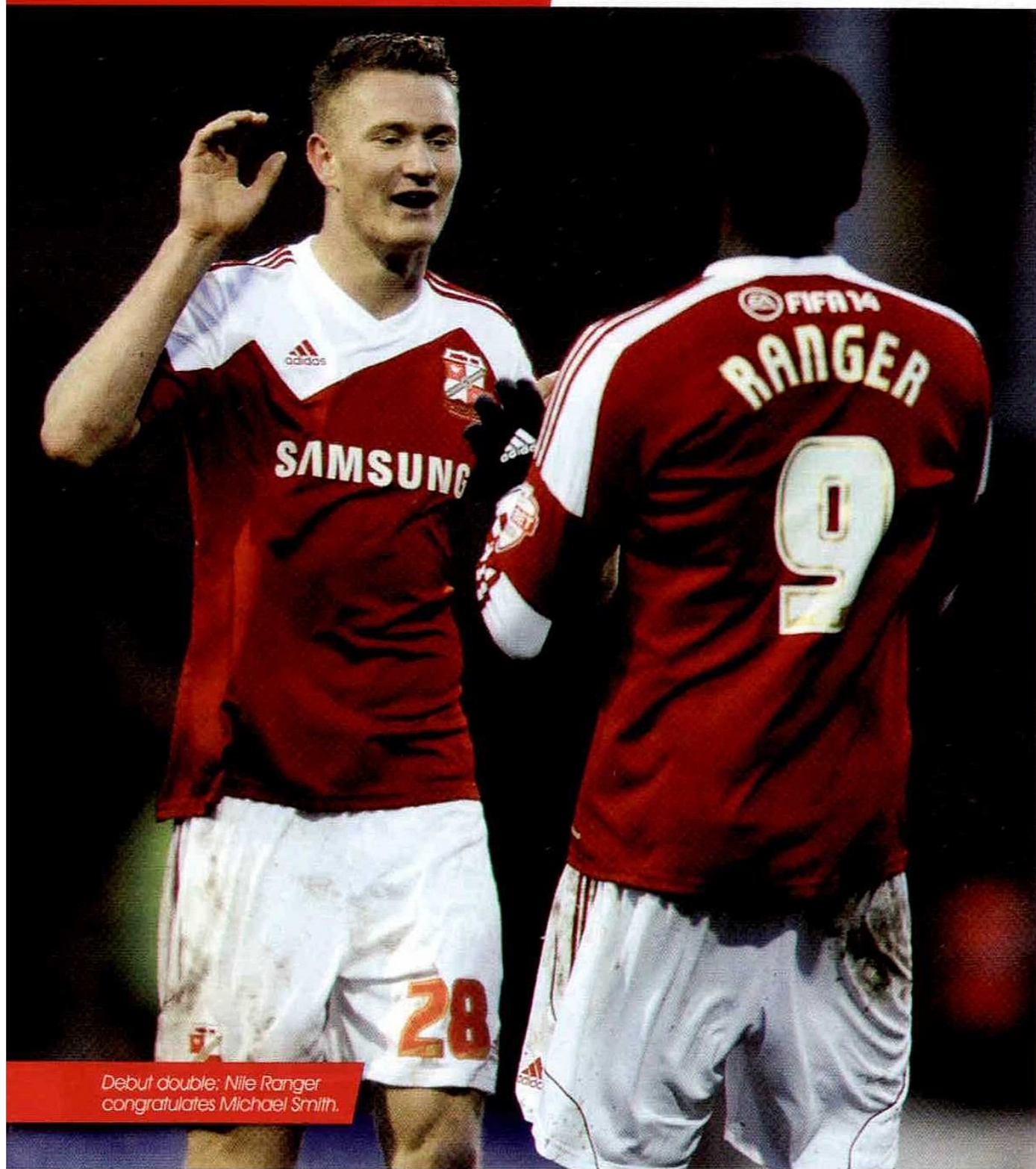
Alan Mayes may have had many moments of glory in a Town shirt, but there can't be many Town keepers who hold a 100% clean sheet record in their entire County Ground career!



PICTURED: Alan Mayes doing what he did best, finding the net against Brentford in 1980.

TAMING OF THE SHREWS

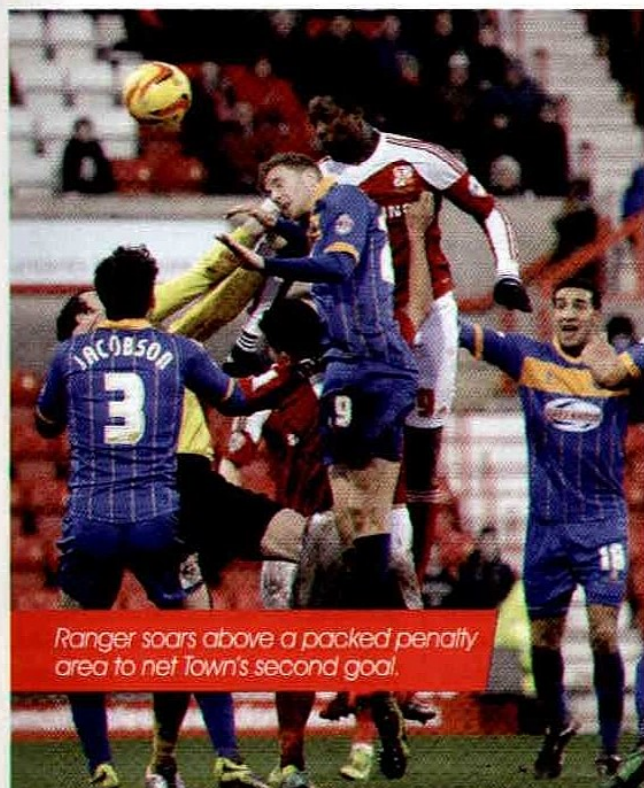
CLUB Photographer Rob Noyes braved the elements to witness the Robins see off the stubborn Shrews at The County Ground...



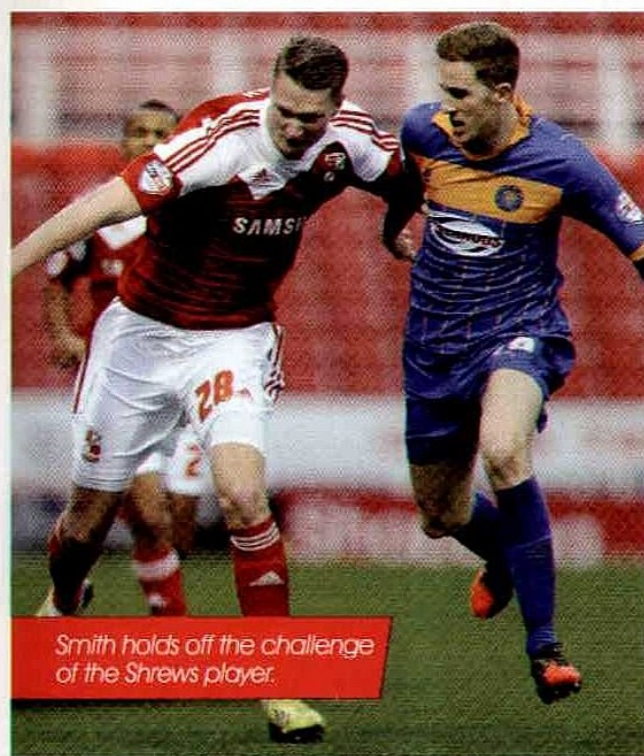
Debut double: Nile Ranger congratulates Michael Smith.

TOWN 3 SHREWSBURY TOWN 1

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Ranger soars above a packed penalty area to net Town's second goal.



Smith holds off the challenge of the Shrews player.



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Sam Allen

SAM Allen (circled top right) was a great servant to this Club, filling every position going. In 1895, he joined the club as a Committee Man. He then held the posts of Club Secretary and Team Manager at the same time. When

Swindon finished bottom of the league in 1933, Sam reverted to Secretary. He remained in that position until he died on New Year's Day 1946, aged 77.

Sam is buried in Radnor Street Cemetery and Club Historian Dick Mattick is trying to tidy his grave area up, together with the headstone and is asking for donations from fans to help. When we see the service Sam gave to Swindon Town, our help is the least we can do. The Supporters' Club have donated £250 to the project. If anyone would like to donate please contact Dick Mattick.

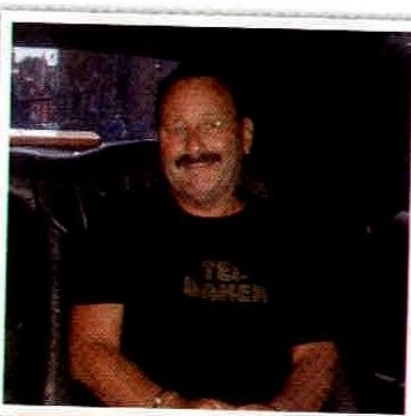
Premier Opponents

THIS afternoon we welcome Oldham Athletic to The County Ground. They will always be



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Happy Birthday Peter

PETER Hennell's birthday is on the 3rd February. We hope you have a great day today at The CG.



remembered as our first home opponents in the Premiership, when a last-minute goal gave them a 1-0 victory. How proud we were to rise to those dizzy heights and, when you look at the money Premiership clubs receive from sponsorship now, although we all live in hope, I cannot in my wildest dreams see Swindon playing Oldham in a Premiership match again. But we will still be supporting our teams because that's what it's all about.

Social Evening

OUR Social Evening will be held on Tuesday 11th February,

7.30pm at The White Hart in Stratton. Three members of the first team squad will be present and Phil King will host the evening. A roast meal will be followed by a sweet course at a cost of £16 for members and £17.50 to non-members. For tickets or for more information, email enquiries@swindontownsupportersclub.com or see the Supporters' Club table in the Legends Lounge on a matchday.

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Photo Opportunity

MICHAEL Smith and MOTM Wes Foderingham pose for a picture with Adam Kiggell and Alfie Burton.



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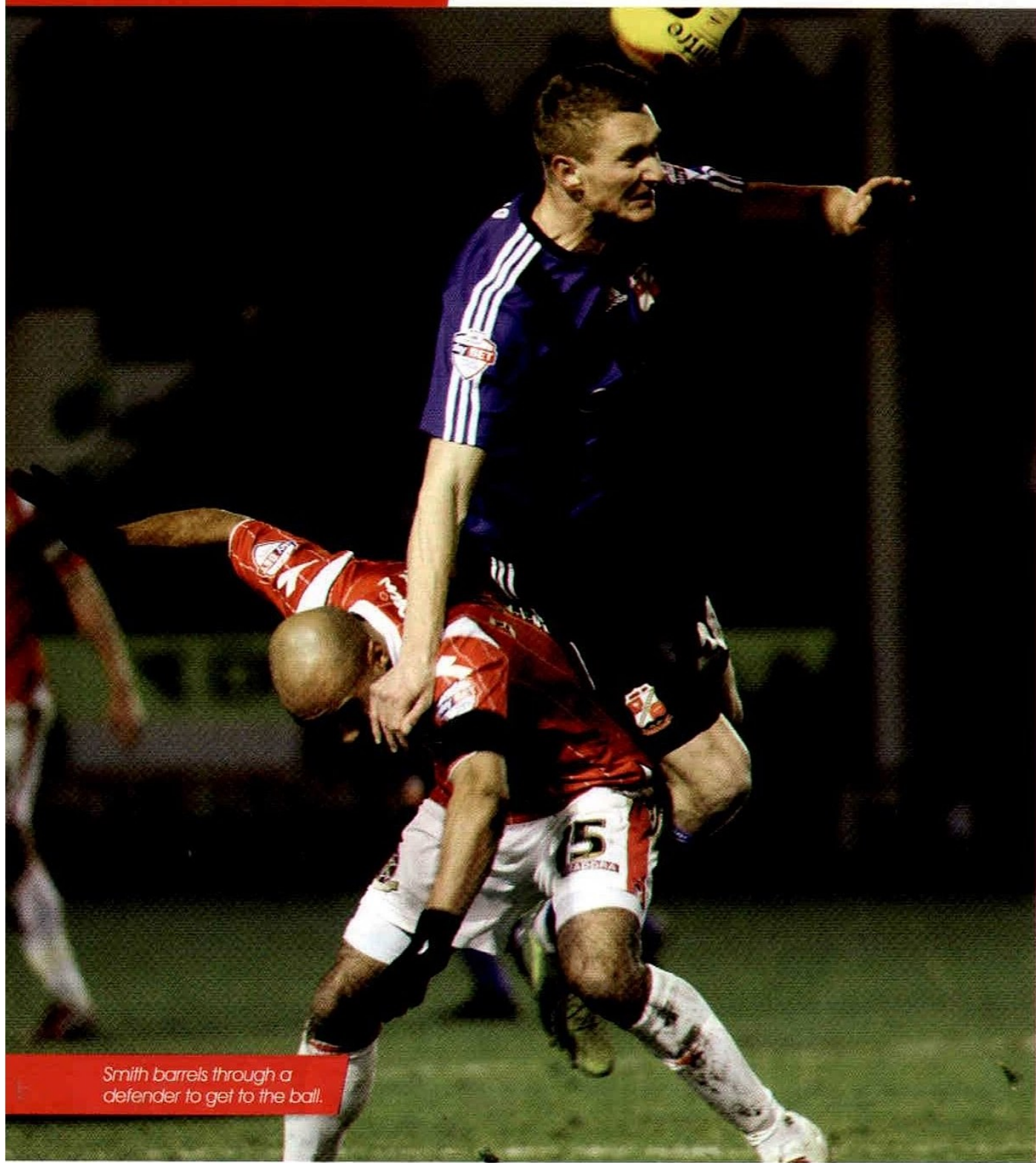


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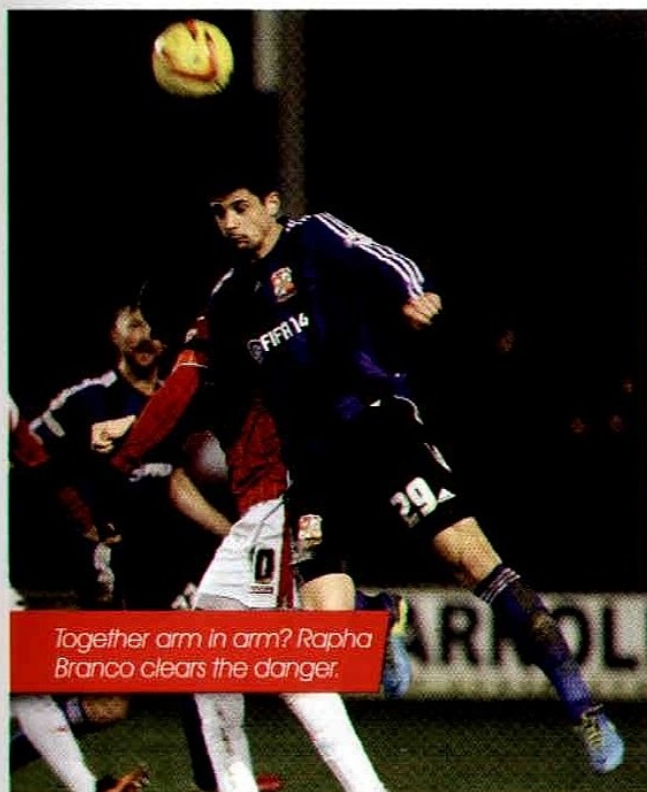
ANOTHER strike from Michael Smith secured a point for Town at a chilly Banks's Stadium. Thanks to Walsall Football Club for providing the pictures.



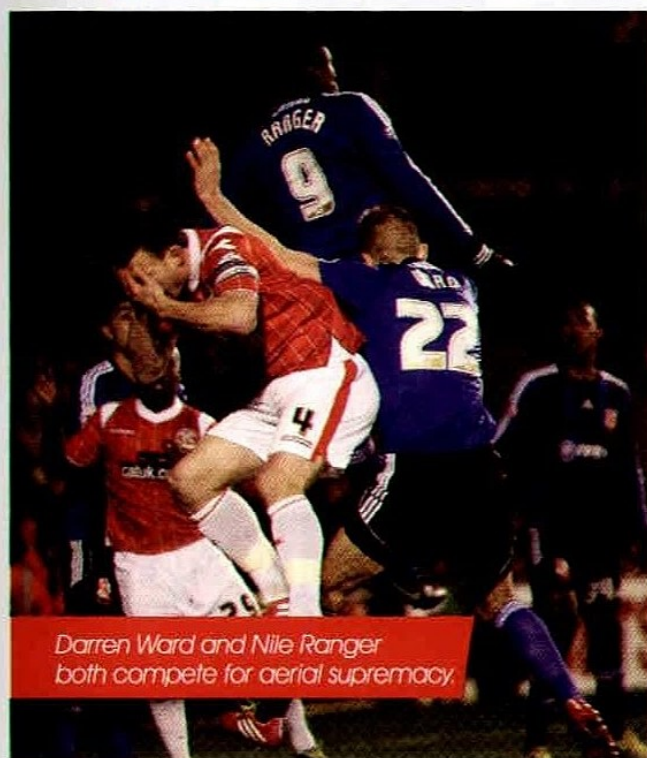
Smith barrels through a defender to get to the ball.

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Together arm in arm? Rapha Branco clears the danger.



Darren Ward and Nile Ranger both compete for aerial supremacy.





SWINDON TOWN

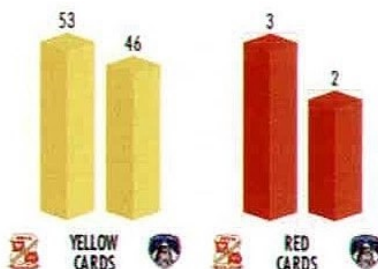
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MATCH FACTS

There have been 20 goals scored in the last six league meetings between these two sides at the County Ground, an average of 3.3 goals per game.



MATCH FACTS

Oldham have won three of their last five league games against Swindon (D1 L1), with just one of those wins arriving at Swindon.



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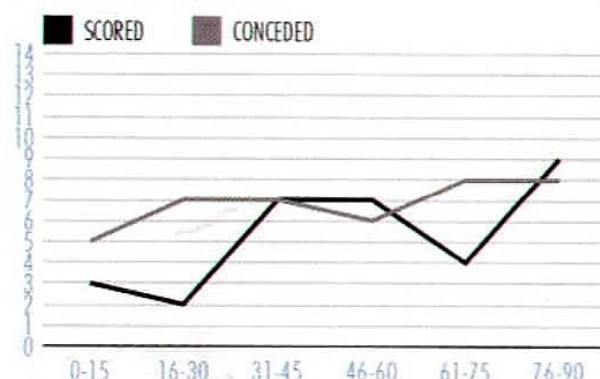


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COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's encounter with Oldham Athletic...



Saturday Team Club

WE would like to extend a warm FITC welcome to our two Saturday Team Club sides, FC Calne Milan Under-7s and FC Calne Inter Under-10s who have both been organised by Stuart Kendrick. This morning, the groups have been treated to a comprehensive tour of the stadium. This is a real treat to see the first team kit all laid out courtesy of our kit manager, Roger Jones which is a major thing for the children to see before the big kick-off at 3pm. After the ground tour, the kids have enjoyed a structured, professional coaching session at St. Joseph's Catholic College where they also competed in a match situation before sitting down for their pizza lunch prior to taking their seats for this

afternoon's match. We sincerely hope they will witness the mighty Reds taking all three points. If there are any of you out there who would like to experience the above with your local team or group, please do not hesitate in contacting us as we still have a couple of slots available between now and the end of the 2013/14 season.

Birthday Wishes

WE would like to take this opportunity to wish Honor Fraser a very happy 11th birthday, which she celebrated last Sunday, 26th January. Honor is a valued member of our Centre for Excellence Under-11s squad and her mum, Kirsteen, is on the Board of Trustees within the STFC Football in the Community Trust. Both

Kirsteen and Honor are life-long Swindon Town fans with Kirsteen being a former Junior Red many years ago and a Season Ticket Holder for as long as she can remember. We would like to thank Kirsteen for her professional support as a valued member of our Board of Trustees.

Holiday Courses

FEBRUARY half term is just around the corner so please do not hesitate in booking onto the courses which we will be running from the 18th to the 21st February here at Swindon Town Football Club. Places are filling up quickly so, to avoid disappointment, please submit your form as soon as possible or, for further information, contact the main office on 01793 421303.

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Swindon Town Ladies

THE Town Ladies dropped valuable points when they were beaten by two goals to one by Southampton Saints in the South West Combination.

Both sides took time to settle but the first real chance fell to Saints when Krystal White fired in a free kick from 30 yards that Town's Robyn Levett held. Play swung from end to end: Kai Littleboy headed over from a Saints corner and Georgia Walters saw her shot scrape the Saints post and out for a goal kick. Beth Thompson broke clear on the Town right but her shot was just wide of the far post. Saints were enjoying a good spell but were unable to find a way through the Town's defence. In the dying minutes of the half a drive from Chyna Collings looked destined

for the net but Hannah Houghton in the Saints' goal did well to tip the ball over the bar. The Town made a better start to the second half and went ahead after 11 minutes. Georgia Walters swung a corner to the Saints' far post to find Chyna Collings who nodded the ball into the net. Saints drew level in the 81st minute when Lucy Harper picked out Crystal White who scored from close range. The Town threw everything forward but in the closing minutes were caught at the back when Amber Sibly slipped past a defender to score with a low drive. A miserable afternoon for the Town was completed in injury time when Ellie Maynard was dismissed for a second booking. We wish the girls all the best for their trip to Shanklin on the Isle of Wight tomorrow afternoon.

2013/14 STFC Ladies

Team:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
SWINDON	14	10	0	4	25	30
Forest Green	12	7	1	4	12	22
Chichester	10	8	2	0	22	20*
Plymouth	10	6	2	2	19	20
Larkhall Ath	11	6	1	4	2	19
Keynsham	15	3	5	7	-12	14
Exeter City LFC	7	4	1	2	2	13
Southampton	13	4	0	9	-10	12
Shanklin	9	3	2	4	-6	11
Newquay	14	3	0	11	-23	9
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OUTSIDE THE BOX



Phil King

SWINDON Town Hall of Fame member and Matchday Hospitality Host, Phil King, reflects on recent results and reminisces about the plastic pitch at Boundary Park...

WE'VE seen two fantastic results at home under difficult circumstances. Looking back at the Peterborough game, playing them in the final of the JPT, how do you approach it? You've got to look to win it. Nile Ranger was in the starting line-up which was a boost. When he plays he makes a big difference. If you can get him training and playing week-in, week-out, it's massive for this football club. To get the victory they did is a plus psychologically. Then during the Shrewsbury game at home the conditions were awful. I feel a bit of frustration because ball retention is important to us and sometimes you can hear the crowd groaning but it is important. If we kick it long and lose it then we'd get even more frustrated. In fairness, we could have lost last week and at one point I was thinking "I'll take 1-1". We come into this game off the back of a fantastic point at Walsall. For me, they're the best I've seen at The County Ground this season so to go and nick a point was fantastic. We had another plus in Michael Smith who has scored three goals in two games and is an instant fans' favourite. The lads must be full of confidence after two home wins. The away form is not the best but if we can contribute on our travels then why not look at a Play-Off spot? Oldham have picked up and Lee Johnson has done a cracking



job up there. No game is easy now but Swindon at home with a full-strength squad and with Nile Ranger and Michael Smith up front, things are looking really positive. We need to stick with them at home: it's all about finding that balance.

I remember playing on the plastic pitches at Oldham and Luton back in the 80s and you can make a case for plastic pitches with the current weather. Speaking as a defender, sliding tackles are great in the wet weather and it's quite a nice feeling in many ways - on the astroturf you get third degree burns. That Oldham side in the late 80s were very good on the

plastic. If they were on form you couldn't get near them. I'm a firm believer that football should be played on grass. It's the same for both sides: you have to combat all conditions and stand up and be counted. I've been really impressed with some of the lads who have stood up in this weather and dug deep, got tackles in and helped defend. To be sat where we are and to be two games away from Wembley, we've got to be proud with what Mark Cooper and the team have done.

PHIL KING
TOWN LEGEND



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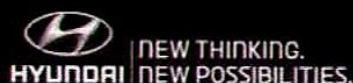
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COACHES' CORNER



Michael Cooper

TOWN'S Sports Scientist Michael Cooper is back in Coaches' Corner this week and discusses how the recent weather has affected his work...



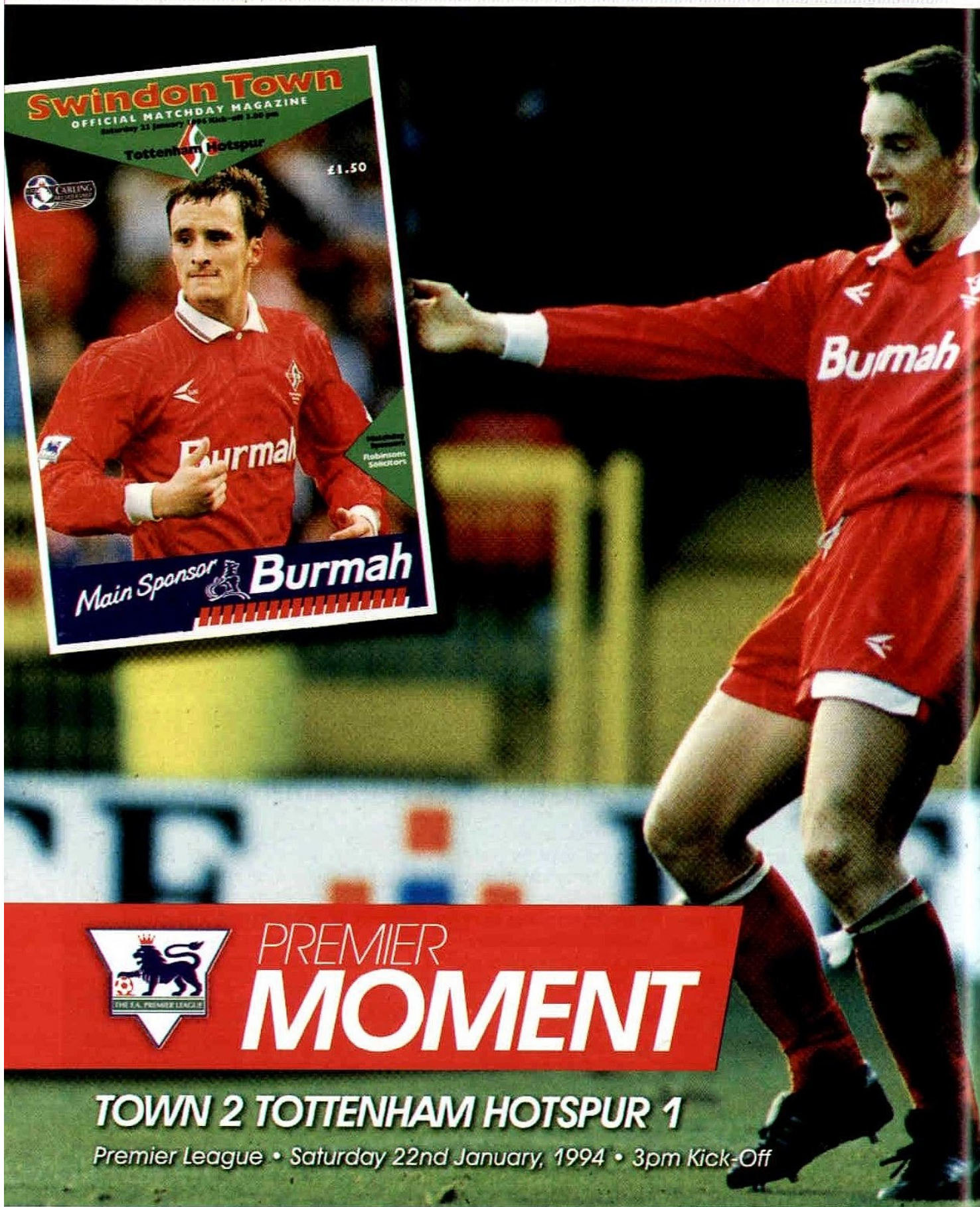
"...It's only a matter of time before they make an impact on the Manager's matchday plans."

THE recent weather and chopping and changing between the training ground and various other locations is never ideal, we just make do with what we can. We always get what we need to get done whether that is at the training ground or elsewhere. It's a shame we don't have anywhere we could use regardless of what the weather is doing. I take the warm-up aspect of training which involves a lot of sharp footwork and changes of direction. This tends to cut up the grass and unfortunately with the recent weather, the pitches down at the training ground have been pretty badly

affected so we are constantly finding somewhere else to make sure the boys are getting that kind of work into them before training. Something that we have been doing for a while is yoga. It was player-driven really and the Manager backed it all the way. The exercises they do on a daily basis stem from yoga so it's just about having a different stimulus there for the boys to get their teeth into and enjoy. One of the most satisfying parts of the job is when you see a long-term injury come back into the fold like Troy Archibald-Henville and Tijane, who are both on the road to recovery.

It's satisfying to see that they are getting through it and it's only a matter of time before they make an impact on the Manager's matchday plans. Last week against Shrewsbury, Jay McEveley and Ryan Mason picked up innocuous injuries that couldn't be helped. On Tuesday at Walsall, everyone came through unscathed and you always breathe a sigh of relief when everyone makes it through because everyone wants Swindon to be fully equipped for every game.

MICHAEL COOPER
SPORTS SCIENTIST



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PLAYER
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Jan ÅGE FJØRTØFT:

After netting his first of the campaign in an FA Cup tie at Ipswich four days earlier, Fjortoft's strike against Spurs was his first league goal of the season.

THIRTY minutes had been played at SN1 when Nicky Hammond spilled a cross from the Tottenham left and Nicky Barmby gleefully accepted the chance to smash home the opening goal into the empty net. It took Swindon just eight minutes to respond. A long clearance downfield was flicked on into the path of Jan Åge Fjortoft. The striker then beat former Town skipper Colin Calderwood to the bouncing

ball and found himself clear through on goal. He advanced into the area and steadied himself before drilling the equaliser underneath the advancing Erik Thorstvedt. Then, with ten minutes left to play, Town were awarded an indirect free-kick inside the box. Nicky Summerbee's thunderous drive ricocheted off Thorstvedt before dropping to Adrian Whitbread. The defender snapped up the opportunity to prod home from close range and seal a third win of the season for Swindon.



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vs Crawley Town
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Wednesday Feb 5, 7.15pm JPT AF1

vs Port Vale (A)

Saturday Feb 8, 3pm

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Saturday Feb 15, 3pm

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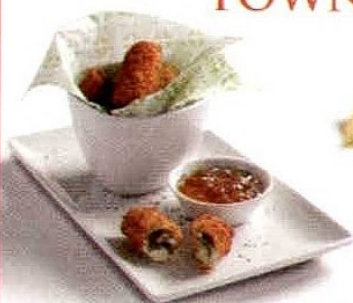
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AUGUST								
Sat Aug 3	Peterborough United	A	0-1 L	7,178 (741)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Tue Aug 6	Torquay United CAP1	H	1-0 W	5,662 (282)	Foderingham	Barthram	Ward	Hall
Sat Aug 10	Stevenage	H	1-0 W	7,133 (217)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Aug 17	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-2 L	4,943 (545)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Aug 24	Gillingham	H	2-2 D	7,520 (452)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Tue Aug 27	QPR CAP2	A	2-0 W	9,715 (1,684)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Aug 31	Crewe Alexandra	H	5-0 W	7,419 (193)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
SEPTEMBER								
Sat Sep 7	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-1 D	7,738 (639)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Sep 14	Wolverhampton W.	A	2-3 L	19,388 (1,591)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Sep 21	Bristol City	H	3-2 W	11,598 (2,538)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Tue Sep 24	Chelsea CAP3	H	0-2 L	14,924 (3,433)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Sep 28	Preston North End	A	1-2 L	9,296 (386)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
OCTOBER								
Sat Oct 5	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-0 W	7,889 (188)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Tue Oct 8	Plymouth Argyle JPT2	H	2-1 W	4,211 (364)	Belford	Branco	Ward	Hall
Sat Oct 12	Rotherham United	A	4-0 W	8,103 (540)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Fri Oct 18	Notts. County	H	2-0 W	8,188 (249)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Tue Oct 22	Walsall	H	1-3 L	8,188 (202)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Oct 26	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2 L	3,837 (293)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
NOVEMBER								
Sat Nov 2	Port Vale	H	5-2 W	7,637 (327)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Nov 9	Macclesfield FA CUP1	A	0-4 L	1,835 (305)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall
Tue Nov 12	Wycombe W. JPT AGF	H	2-1 W	3,940 (221)	Belford	Byrne	Ward	Hall
Sat Nov 16	Colchester United	A	2-1 W	3,334 (323)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall
Sat Nov 23	Leyton Orient	H	1-3 L	8,634 (562)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Tue Nov 26	Crawley Town	A	0-0 D	2,868 (316)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Nov 30	Carlisle United	H	3-1 W	7,671 (238)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
DECEMBER								
Tue Dec 10	Stevenage JPT ASF	H	1-1 D 3-1p	3,804 (79)	Belford	Barthram	Ward	Hall
Sat Dec 14	Sheffield United	A	0-1 L	15,430 (551)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sat Dec 21	Coventry City	H	2-1 W	9,291 (1,219)	Foderingham	Byrne	Ward	Hall
Thu Dec 26	Brentford	A	2-3 L	8,333 (1,016)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
Sun Dec 29	Bradford City	A	1-1 D	13,461 (not available)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall
JANUARY								
Sat Jan 11	Peterborough Utd.	H	2-1 W	7,794 (329)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco
Tue Jan 14	Stevenage	A	0-2 L	2,167 (328)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco
Sat Jan 18	Gillingham	A	0-2 L	6,134 (372)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco
Sat Jan 25	Shrewsbury Town	H	3-1 W	7,448 (227)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco
Tue Jan 28	Walsall	A	1-1 D	4,059 (422)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Branco
FEBRUARY								
Sat Feb 1	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00pm					
Wed Feb 5	P'boro Utd. JPT AF1	A	7.15pm					
Sat Feb 8	Port Vale	A	3.00pm					
Sat Feb 15	Colchester United	H	3.00pm					
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Sat Feb 22	Leyton Orient	A	3.00pm					
Tue Feb 25	Crawley Town	H	7.45pm					
MARCH								
Sat Mar 1	Crewe Alexandra	A	3.00pm					
Sat Mar 8	Milton Keynes Dons	H	3.00pm					
Tue Mar 11	Wolverhampton W.	H	7.45pm					
Sat Mar 15	Bristol City	A	3.00pm					
Sat Mar 22	Preston North End	H	3.00pm					
Tue Mar 25	Tranmere Rovers	A	7.45pm					
Sat Mar 29	Sheffield United	H	3.00pm					
APRIL								
Sat Apr 5	Carlisle United	A	3.00pm					
Sat Apr 12	Brentford	H	3.00pm					
Fri Apr 18	Coventry City	A	7.45pm					
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2	Leyton Orient	27	8	2	2	26	10	10	4	1	32	14	+34	60	
3	Wolves	28	10	3	2	26	9	7	4	2	21	11	+27	58	
4	Preston	27	5	6	2	18	16	8	4	2	18	11	+9	49	
5	Rotherham	28	4	7	3	25	24	9	2	3	24	13	+12	48	
6	Walsall	29	6	4	4	16	15	6	6	3	20	11	+10	46	
7	Peterborough	28	9	1	4	20	15	5	2	7	28	25	+8	45	
8	SWINDON	28	10	1	2	31	16	2	4	9	15	22	+8	41	
9	Port Vale	26	7	3	3	20	16	5	0	8	17	23	-2	39	
10	MK Dons	27	7	3	3	24	16	3	3	8	17	25	0	36	
11	Coventry	27	7	4	3	32	29	5	4	4	23	18	+8	34*	
12	Bradford	27	4	7	3	22	14	3	6	4	16	18	+6	34	
13	Colchester	26	5	3	5	18	17	3	7	3	17	17	+1	34	
14	Gillingham	28	6	4	5	20	18	3	1	9	16	29	-11	32	
15	Crawley	25	5	4	4	13	15	2	6	4	16	19	-5	31	
16	Oldham	28	5	3	5	16	18	3	3	9	16	23	-9	30	
17	Carlisle	27	6	2	6	22	26	2	4	7	9	21	-16	30	
18	Tranmere	28	3	5	6	17	27	4	2	8	14	23	-19	28	
19	Notts Co	29	6	1	7	21	19	2	2	11	16	29	-11	27	
20	Crewe	28	5	4	5	16	21	2	2	10	11	33	-27	27	
21	Sheff Utd	26	5	5	3	18	14	1	3	9	8	21	-9	26	
22	Shrewsbury	28	4	4	7	12	15	2	4	7	15	23	-11	26	
23	Bristol C	27	3	6	5	19	20	1	6	6	19	25	-7	24	
24	Stevenage	26	3	2	7	12	18	3	2	9	12	26	-20	22	

STFC Player Stats:

No.	Player	SBL1	FAC	CAP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Wes Foderingham	28	-	3	-	31	-	3	-	126
2	Nathan Thompson	26	-	2	-	28	1	7	-	58(10)
3	Nathan Byrne	18(4)	1	2	2	23(4)	2	4	2	31(5)
4	Massimo Luongo	28	1	2(1)	3	34(1)	6	4	-	43(1)
5	Grant Hall	26	1	3	3	33	-	6	-	33
6	Tijane Freitas Reis	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3
7	Ryan Harley	9(5)	(1)	1	1(1)	11(7)	-	2	-	11(7)
8	Ryan Mason	13(5)	1	1(1)	1	16(6)	5	4	-	16(6)
9	Nile Ranger	17(3)	1	2	(1)	20(4)	8	-	-	20(4)
10	Andy Williams	3	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	49(3)
11	Alex Pritchard	24(2)	1	3	3	32(2)	5	9	-	32(2)
12	Dany N'Guessan	10(8)	1	1	2(1)	14(9)	8	2	-	14(9)
14	Jay McEveley	19	1	1	2	23	-	6	1	64(1)
15	Yaser Kasim	26(1)	1	3	1(1)	31(2)	2	9	-	31(2)
16	Mark Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
17	Connor Waldon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
19	Louis Thompson	8(7)	-	2(1)	2	12(8)	-	3	-	13(12)
20	Miles Storey	2(8)	-	(2)	-	2(10)	1	1	-	4(25)
21	Alex Smith	1(2)	-	1(1)	-	2(3)	-	-	-	2(3)
22	Darren Ward	28	1	3	3	35	-	-	-	78
23	Jack Barthram	1(7)	(1)	1	2	4(8)	1	2	-	4(8)
24	Lee Cox	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	2(6)
25	Tyrell Belford	-	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	4
26	Aaron Oakley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27	Harry Agombar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
28	Michael Smith	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	2
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	5(1)	-	-	1	6(1)	-	2	-	6(1)
30	Leigh Bedwell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
33	George Barker	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	(2)
34	Jamie Reckord	1(1)	-	-	-	1(1)	-	-	-	1(1)
39	Ben Gladwin	(2)	-	-	(1)	(3)	-	-	-	(3)

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Jack Legg:

Age: 12

School: Ridgeway, Wroughton

Plays for: Swindon Supermarine

Hobbies: Football, fishing, Xbox

Favourite player: Alex Pritchard



Alexander Thomson:

Age: 5

School: St Leonard's, Blunsdon

Plays for: Blunsdon FC

Hobbies: Football, tennis, swimming and bowling

Favourite player: Alex Pritchard



Cameron Thomson:

Age: 10

School: St Leonard's, Blunsdon

Plays for: Blunsdon FC

Hobbies: Football, tennis, swimming and minecraft

Favourite player: Wes Foderingham



William Stockford:

Age: 6

School: Lyndhurst School, Camberley

Hobbies: Cycling on his BMX, playing football & all things Oldham

Favourite player: Mark Oxley

LAST WORD

BBC WILTSHIRE



IT'S now 21 years since Swindon welcomed Oldham to The County Ground in what was Town's first ever home match in the top division of English football.



THE image of new Manager John Gorman slumping to the ground as Paul Bernard scored a late winner became a staple on "They Think It's All Over" and summed up how the season was going to go.

Not that it did the Latics much good in the end either, with both clubs relegated at the season's end and, for now, not to return. Though, don't get me started on what might have been if Jan Åge Fjørtoft's second goal at Maine Road hadn't been disallowed...

For plenty, it is just history, or barely remembered stuff from

childhood. You could pay on the gate for some matches and not every game was subjected to the same intense scrutiny it gets now.

Fjørtoft and Gunnar Halle both seemed like exotic foreign additions - today they would not get a single eyelid batted.

With so much time having passed, both clubs compete today feeling as if the gap to the top division is substantial, which is not to say that the boards of both clubs are doing anything other than working hard to make as much of a success of things as they can

with the money and support they have.

But the scary thing is that an assault on the Premier League again would likely cost millions.

The worry is that the top division is so remote, that it feels as if even a well-run club with an intelligent choice of manager can't return without that massive backing. Somehow, something needs to be done to make sure the possibility of dreams being realities can live again.

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Manager: Mark **COOPER**

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Nathan THOMPSON	2	●
Nathan BYRNE	3	●
Massimo LUONGO	4	●
Grant HALL	5	●
Tijane FREITAS REIS	6	●
Ryan HARLEY	7	●
Ryan MASON	8	●
Nile RANGER	9	●
Alex PRITCHARD	11	●
Dany N'GUESSAN	12	●
Jay McEVELEY	14	●
Yaser KASIM	15	●
Mark FRANCIS	16	●
Connor WALDON	17	●
Alex FERGUSON	18	●
Louis THOMPSON	19	●
Miles STOREY	20	●
Alex SMITH	21	●
(CAPT) Darren WARD	22	●
Jack BARTHRAM	23	●
(GK) Tyrrell BELFORD	25	●
Aaron OAKLEY	26	●
Harry AGOMBAR	27	●
Michael SMITH	28	●
Raphael BRANCO	29	●
(GK) Leigh BEDWELL	30	●
George BARKER	33	●
Jamie RECKORD	34	●
Kayden JACKSON	35	●
Ben GLADWIN	39	●

Match Officials

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4th Official:
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Manager: Lee **JOHNSON**

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● 3	Jonathan GROUND S
● 4	James WESOLOWSKI
● 5	Genserik KUSUNGA
● 6	James TARKOWSKI
● 8	Korey SMITH (CAPT)
● 10	Charlie MacDONALD
● 12	David MELLOR
● 14	Jonson CLARKE-HARRIS
● 15	Carl WINCHESTER
● 17	Anton RODGERS
● 18	Adam LOCKWOOD
● 19	James DAYTON
● 21	Kirk MILLAR
● 22	Glenn BELEZIKA
● 24	Edijs JOKSTS
● 25	Luke SIMPSON
● 27	Danny PHILLISKIRK
● 28	David WORRALL
● 29	Paul RACHUBKA (GK)
● 30	Gary HARKINS
● 31	Danny GOSSET
● 32	Jack TRUELOVE
● 33	Joel COLEMAN (GK)
● 34	Thomas CLARKE
● 35	Jordan BOVE
● 36	Jon PRITCHARD
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